

AUCE PROVINCIAL

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Dear People:

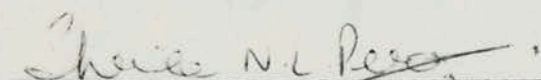
A number of months ago, when the Federal Government decided to reduce the funding to your association, our union became very concerned about what we considered to be an attack on the valuable services PPA provides. It was our understanding that the motivation for the government's funding cut was a direct result of the negative opinions shared by some societies about the 'right-to-life' stand with regards to abortion. It appeared that the government was anxious to demonstrate to the groups that oppose abortion that the federal government did not actively condone one essential function of Planned Parenthood, namely information on abortion and abortion referral. AUCE Provincial is a small independent union of approximately 3000 members who are the clerical, technical, library and teaching support staff at UBC, SFU, Capilano College and the College of New Caledonia. More than 75% of our members are women. Our union has consistently supported the position of choice on abortion and our Conventions have passed motions in support of groups and activities that challenge the 'right-to-life' people. We consider the issue of whether or not to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term to be of concern to the woman and her doctor only. We have informed various government representatives of AUCE's position because we expect the particular ministries and departments to take the responsibility in providing women access to terror-free and guilt-free medical care.

The Executive of AUCE Provincial unanimously passed a motion of support for Planned Parenthood in recognition of the essential service your organisation provides. We also committed a small donation of \$25.00 which is enclosed. We wish it could be more but have recently experienced strikes at two of our locals which has prevented us from making a larger donation.

We are appreciative of the work that Planned Parenthood does and we know that your services may someday be of use to our own members, whatever their need in regard to responsible family planning.

Keep up the good work and if at all possible put us on your mailing list for your notices and/or events or services.

Sincerely,



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