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Dear Cliff Yumansky:

Thank you for contacting me to provide a letter of support for the Circles of Support and Accountability Canada (CoSA).

I understand the challenges associated with high-risk, sexual offenders who have been detained until their warrant expiry date.

Often these individuals have limited community supports available to them and may be at a higher-risk to reoffend due to this lack of support.

In my view, CoSA plays a valuable role in providing both support and accountability for these individuals and helps to prevent recidivism. This is extremely important to me because of my own experience with sexual offenders.

I am aware that your National Capacity Building Project, which was supported by the National Crime Prevention Strategy from 2017-2022, is soon to come to a close. I understand this will now leave CoSA in need of further stable funding.

I believe CoSA Canada is worthy of long-term financial support to help achieve your mandate, implement the successful circle-based approach, support community safety, and achieve reductions in both recidivism and victimization.

I truly believe that supporting CoSA Canada in the forthcoming Federal Budget will contribute to the prevention of further sexual assaults and victimizations in Canada.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wilma Derksen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wilma Derksen, CEC, OM