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Subject: Budget 2021 Consultation

Good morning,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, a parliamentary committee of the Legislative Assembly of BC, to request your assistance with promoting the provincial Budget 2021 consultation, taking place in June.

Like many British Columbians, the Committee has had to make adjustments to the way it works due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The importance of connecting with British Columbians to hear their views, challenges and ideas remains the same and is all the more critical in this time. Recognizing your role in the community, we appreciate any assistance you are able to provide in sharing information about this consultation with British Columbians. Your organization is also invited to participate and share ideas.

Copies of promotion materials, in multiple languages, are available on our website at <https://bcleg.ca/FGSbudget>. If you are able to share or post digital copies of these materials via any online community bulletin boards, calendars, newsletters, or social media platforms to encourage your community to participate, we would greatly appreciate it. We would be pleased to send you these materials in a different size or format (JPEG, PNG) if you prefer.

There are three key ways to participate in the consultation: speaking with the Committee at a public hearing, submitting written comments or completing a survey.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, all public hearings will be held via video/teleconference. Registration for public hearings is available online at <https://bcleg.ca/FGSbudget> or by phone at 1-877-428-8337 (toll-free in BC). The deadline to register for public hearings is **May 21 at 5:00pm**. Opportunities to send in written comments or complete an online survey will be available June 1. The deadline for all public input is **Friday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Committee will then review all input to make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly on what should be in the next provincial budget. The Committee intends to release its report to the Legislative Assembly in August 2020.

Anyone who requires assistance or would like additional participation options may contact the Parliamentary Committees Office by calling 1-877-428-8337 (toll-free in BC).

Further information on the consultation and the work of the Committee is available on our website: www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/finance. If you have any questions about the Committee, the consultation, or the information we have sent you, please contact us at 250-356-2933 (or toll-free in BC 1-877-428-8337).

Thank you for your assistance in promoting the Committee's consultation.

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