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The Honourable Shirley Bond, M.L.A.,  
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Dear Minister Bond,

On behalf of BCLTA and public library users around the province, thank you for the continuation of the OneCard grants.

At local libraries, these funds are used to address some of the financial challenges of daily on-going operations of supporting the OneCard program. Additionally, they have also been used to establish a wide variety of programs in response to individual community needs. Inclusion of these grants as a regular line item in the provincial budget allows local libraries greater certainty in their operating budgets and the ability to sustain the new programs that have now been established.

While there has been only limited publicity around this new service, libraries and their users are very enthusiastic about OneCard and whenever there is the opportunity they are spreading the word. For example, Shaw television recently recorded a segment at Vancouver Island Regional Library promoting OneCard, libraries and the Summer Reading Club. This segment will air on television stations across BC.

Thank you again for backing your government's commitment to make BC the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent with funding for a key component of this goal – public libraries.

Yours truly,

Peter Wainwright  
President – BC Library Trustees' Association

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