

**[City Letterhead or Mayor/Councillor Name]**

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**To:**

The Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
Province of British Columbia

[HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

**Re:** Letter of Support – Proposed Legislation for Bereavement Care and Pregnancy Loss Support

Dear Minister Josie Osborne,

On behalf of [City/Town Name], I would like to express my strong support for the advocacy efforts of **Butterfly Support Network**, formerly known as Butterfly Run BC. This registered charity and non-profit organization was founded in 2019 by bereaved parents and has since become instrumental in providing compassionate support to families across British Columbia who have experienced pregnancy loss, infant loss, and infertility.

Butterfly Support Network is advocating for the introduction of legislation in British Columbia that would:

- Ensure **ongoing provincial funding for research** related to pregnancy loss and bereavement care;
- Provide **education and training for clinicians and care providers** on how to deliver trauma-informed, evidence-based care; and
- Fund **bereavement support programs** for families who experience pregnancy loss, infant loss, embryo loss, or failed fertility and IVF treatments.

As an elected representative, I believe that access to comprehensive bereavement care and reproductive loss support is a vital component of a compassionate and equitable health care system. Families navigating these heartbreaking experiences deserve care that acknowledges their grief, provides meaningful support, and helps them heal. Care providers in our province supporting grieving families, deserve adequate training, education and resources to support others as well as minimize the impact on their own mental health.

I have had the opportunity to learn more about Butterfly Support Network and their work through conversations with **Kimberly Lockhart**, Executive Director. Their programs, which include counseling, peer support, and education, are filling significant gaps in our province's health system, yet they currently rely on fundraising efforts from other bereaved families in our province. Sustainable government funding is essential to ensure that no family in British Columbia faces this journey alone.

**[Optional addition:** As someone who has personally experienced (or supported someone through) pregnancy loss, infertility or infant loss, I understand the importance of this work and the difference that compassionate, trauma informed care can make.]

I urge the Province to support Butterfly Support Network's legislative recommendations and to move forward with legislation that advances research, education, and bereavement care for families across BC experiencing pregnancy and infant loss.

Sincerely,

**[Name]**

[Title, e.g., Mayor / Councillor for the City of \_\_\_\_\_]

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