Member of [Legislative Assembly, Provincial Parliament (ON), Assemblée nationale (QC), or House of Assembly (NL)] [insert name here; find your representative: [BC](https://www.leg.bc.ca/Pages/BCLASS-Member-Search-PostalCode.aspx), [AB](https://www.assembly.ab.ca/members/members-of-the-legislative-assembly), [MB](https://www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/voting/MyVotingInfo), [SK](https://www.elections.sk.ca/voters/gis/), [ON](https://www.ola.org/en/members), [QC](http://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/index.html), [NB](https://www.legnb.ca/en/members/current), [NS](https://enstools.electionsnovascotia.ca/edinfo2012/), [PEI](https://www.assembly.pe.ca/members), [NL](https://www.assembly.nl.ca/members/members.aspx), [NU](https://assembly.nu.ca/members/mla), [NWT](https://www.ntassembly.ca/members), [YK](https://yukonassembly.ca/mlas)]

[City, Province]

Dear [insert name here],

On October 4th 2021, the [National Council of Youth in Care Advocates](https://www.cwlc.ca/canadian-council) released  [*Equitable Standards for Transitions to Adulthood for Youth in Care*,](https://7f9b59af-af92-41cd-8e6c-aa2870f170de.filesusr.com/ugd/f54667_45d7b4d41270453e8d720296d22edc6c.pdf) with an accompanying [Policy Brief](https://7f9b59af-af92-41cd-8e6c-aa2870f170de.filesusr.com/ugd/f54667_7c331135dcb443308dd6c8777348afe9.pdf), outlining key actions that need to be implemented by Federal, Provincial and Territorial governments to support more equitable transitions for youth in care across the country.

I am writing to ask you to publicly express your support for the Equitable Standards. Please let your constituents and colleagues know that you believe the [Provincial/Territorial] government should play a leadership role by collaborating with the National Council of Youth in Care Advocates to:

* **implement the Equitable Standards for Transitions to Adulthood for Youth in Care**; and
* **implement permanent and guaranteed post-care supports for all youth in care.**

A Provincial/Territorial role on this issue is in line with the recurring recommendations on ‘aging out’ of care that have been put forward by youth with lived experience, advocates and researchers since the late 1980s, as outlined in [*A Long Road Paved With Solutions*](https://7f9b59af-af92-41cd-8e6c-aa2870f170de.filesusr.com/ugd/f54667_5affe7ad46fe40448cd15cda8e390e80.pdf). It is also key to reducing the inflow of youth from the child welfare system into homelessness; promoting equity for youth who face the greatest inequalities; and reducing poverty for youth and young families. These actions will bring the Government closer to its goal of improving the wellbeing of children and youth in [insert province/territory]. **I hope that I can count on your support and advocacy within the [Legislative Assembly/Provincial Parliament/Assemblée nationale/House of Assembly]** **in keeping the government accountable to the Equitable Standards** and providing better supports to youth in and from care.

COVID-19 and the socio-economic upheaval associated with the pandemic are exacerbating the already precarious situation of youth in and from care. It’s time to act in a coordinated way on what we have known for decades. When we know better, we must do better.

Sincerely,

[signature]

[your name]
[your contact info]