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Dear Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 16, 2021, requesting clarification about my comments at the 2021 Housing Central conference.

I cannot respond directly to your request for clarification because your request is based on a misquote published in a recent article in the Vancouver Sun. I am more than happy to clarify what I did say.

During a Q&A, I was asked to discuss the Province's preferred approach to supporting municipalities to develop much-needed housing supply. I stated, "What we would like to do is have community plans that reflect population growth and zoning to match that, and that we incentivize communities to do that through various supports. And for communities that do not do that, they will not have access to provincial funding for various programs". As you can see, my response focuses on incentives and collaboration. There is no mention of withholding funding for local governments who choose not to increase housing supply, only reference to not benefiting from any possible incentives that relate to increased housing supply.

The Province does not have a housing supply incentive program outside the BuildingBC and HousingHub programs; we will be exploring how we can collaborate with the federal government on their forthcoming supply incentive program (referred to as the Housing Accelerator Fund by the Liberal Party of Canada) for the benefit of local governments and British Columbians.

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I appreciate you reaching out to seek clarity in the spirit of collaboration. We can only come to solutions together, working in partnership to get housing built and improve the lives of British Columbians. I have asked staff to forward the full transcript of my remarks at the conference to you for your reference.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Eby', written in a cursive style.

David Eby, QC
Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing