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The Honourable David Eby, M.L.A.
Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing
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Dear Minister Eby:

Re: Support for City of Victoria re: Release of Violent and/or Repeat Offenders

Please be advised that at its meeting held September 27, 2021, District of Highlands Council passed a resolution in support of the letter to you from Mayor Helps, the City of Victoria, correspondence dated July 9, 2021 and registered support for the attached City of Langford resolution regarding "Release of Violent and/or Repeat Offenders".

The District of Highlands shares the concern that in response to COVID-19 physical requirement, some individuals charged with violent offences and/or with past criminal convictions are being released into the community on a promise to appear, or given restrictive behavior conditions, rather than being held in custody while awaiting charge disposition. While COVID-19 continues to be a public health concern, the District of Highlands echoes the point that this practice may create an increased risk to local communities and overall public safety, as well as overextending our police resources.

We fully support the request from Mayor Helps and ask the Province to provide assistance in this matter.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Corporate Officer, Melisa Miles at mmiles@highlands.ca or 250-474-1773.

Sincerely,

Ken Williams
Mayor

cc: West Shore RCMP
Capital Regional District Municipal Councils