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## HSA endorses letter from community living advocates

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The Health Sciences Association is adding the unions voice to concerns raised by a group of concerned advocates for community living services and supports.

The group is asking for the circulation of a letter sent today to Jane Holland, BCs Advocate for Service Quality. It represents an unprecedented joint effort by community groups and organizations representing adults with developmental disabilities, families, employers, and sector employees, outlining grave concerns about the impacts of cuts and "re-design" of services and supports critical to the safety and wellbeing of BCs 50,000 adults with developmental disabilities. The letter is attached below.

HSA represents professionals working in the community living sector at Future Focus on Vancouver Island. Members have expressed concerns not only about announced staffing cuts at group homes, but also about threatened cuts to budgets for food. The employer has also said safety supplies for staff ... such as gloves -- will no longer be provided.

HSA members from Future Focus will be attending a public forum on community living on Monday. Interested members are invited to participate.

### **Public forum on community living cuts**

Date: Monday, October 25, 7-9pm

Location: Ukrainian Orthodox Centre (Auditorium), 154 East 10th Avenue (between Main & Quebec Streets)

[Click here to see Moms of the Move page](#) for details on the forum

[Click here for the joint letter to BCs Advocate for Service Quality](#)

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