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Subject: Parent Perspective: Inclusion Should Not Mean Instability

Hello [Journalist's Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am a parent of a child with [diagnosis/disability] and a member of Autism Family Friends (AFF), a grassroots parent-led nonprofit.

I am reaching out regarding the rollout of the BC Children & Youth Disability Benefit and the growing concern among families.

We want to be very clear: expanding disability supports to children who were previously excluded is something many of us welcome. Families who have struggled without access to funding deserve support and recognition.

Our concern is that this expansion may be implemented in a way that destabilizes children who already rely on consistent services.

Parents are worried that:

- Children may be deemed “not disabled enough”
- Progress achieved through years of therapy could justify reduced support
- Families who cannot afford private services will face regression risks
- The transition lacks clarity and transparency

This is not about opposing inclusion. It is about ensuring that one group of vulnerable children is not unintentionally displaced in the process of helping another.

Disability support should not be a redistribution model where children are weighed against one another. It should be sustainable and responsive to all levels of need.

If you are covering this issue, I would be willing to share our family's experience or connect you with other parents willing to speak.

Thank you for considering this perspective.

Warmly,

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