Member of Parliament [insert name here; [Find Members of Parliament](https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en)]

[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 your colleagues know that you believe that the**Federal government should play a leadership role and collaborate with the National Council of Youth in Care Advocates to:**

* **implement the Equitable Standards for Transitions to Adulthood for Youth in Care;**
* **implement permanent post-care supports for on-reserve First Nations youth in care; and**
* **extend Jordan’s Principle past the age of majority.**

A Federal 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 in line with the Reaching Home Directive and 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 Federal Government closer to its goal of ending chronic homelessness in Canada. **I hope that I can count on your support and advocacy within the House of Commons** **to keep the government accountable to the Equitable Standards** and provide 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]