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**Subject**      Letter of Support for Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) Vancouver Fraser Valley.

Dear Sir/Madam

It has come to my attention that CoSA Vancouver Fraser Valley have submitted an application for funding support. In that regard I am submitting this letter of support for CoSA Vancouver Fraser Valley.

During my 33-year career with the Correctional Service Canada (CSC), I have been aware of the CoSA Program since its inception. Over the last eight years that I have been assigned to positions in the lower mainland, I have come to know and appreciate the CoSA Program in the Vancouver Fraser Valley area. I am very impressed with the difficult work that the CoSA Volunteers do with their Core Members (Sex Offenders). The CoSA Program assists in the safe and successful reintegration of high-risk sex offenders back into the community. While assigned as the District Director for the BC/Yukon Parole District and as the Assistant Deputy Commissioner Institutional Operations (Pacific Region) I have watch staff in parole offices work in collaboration with CoSA Volunteers to provide eyes, ears and support, that ensure the best possible supervision of high risk offenders living in the community. Both while on parole and often more importantly after the end of their sentence, when they are no longer monitored by a Parole Officer.

I have been most impressed by how CoSA Volunteers focus on the Core Members "accountability." This is the most significant factor in ensuring that the Core Member is living up to their commitments while allowing the volunteers to keep them on track and focused while guiding and mentoring them in support of their safe reintegration. I believe that the commitment to accountability is the main reason why so many Parole Officers give their full support to working with CoSA Volunteers and Core Members. All of the these sex offenders are returning to our communities, including the community that I live in, and I have no doubt that they will have far better outcomes when they are part of the CoSA Program. Of all the organizations I work with, I support this organization because I think it best reflects CSCs objective of Public Safety and in my observation, it has a significant impact that the public can appreciate

In my work with CoSA Vancouver Fraser Valley, I have witnessed firsthand the effective management and leadership provided by the Program Coordinator and Board of Directors. I have every confidence that they will provide prudent financial management of any funds granted to them and they will use those funds to maximize the benefits for the community that they serve in Vancouver and the Fraser Valley

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