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Dear Members,

Re: Endorsement of the Seamless Childcare Now Campaign

As part of our continued commitment to supporting workers throughout British Columbia, the Ambulance Paramedics of BC are excited to officially announce our partnership with CUPE BC in their *Seamless Childcare Now* campaign. This campaign presents an innovative solution to the challenges of creating and funding childcare spaces. What sets it apart is its focus on supporting pre-existing services and childcare workers, enabling them to expand and enhance available childcare spaces without incurring sizable capital expenses.

"If your family has school-aged kids in BC, you probably know how tough accessing childcare can be. Across our province, families face challenges finding safe, reliable, and affordable childcare spaces.

Our solution is simple. Adding before and after school care to the public-school day seamlessly combines childcare and public education, and produces big benefits for kids, families and communities. The BC government could add thousands of new spaces for school-aged kids without having to build a single new facility."

-Seamless Childcare Now website

We have heard from our members at our annual conventions that childcare is a concern for paramedics and dispatchers, especially with shift work and the demands of our job. The Ambulance Paramedics of BC is proud to endorse this campaign and stand with our partner organizations such as CUPE BC and others, as we fight for improving services, supports and benefits, including access to reliable childcare across BC.

For more information on this campaign, and how you can get involved as an APBC – CUPE 873 member, please visit <u>seamlesschildcare.ca</u>.

In Solidarity,

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