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The Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia and MLA
West Annex Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4
(and by email)

and

The Honourable Carole James, Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier of BC and MLA
Room 153 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4
(and by email)

Re: Additional School Tax on High Value Properties

Dear Premier Horgan and Minister James,

We are a hard-working, young, British Columbia family.

Eight years ago we bought a house in Vancouver. It is a modest house and we bought it to raise a family here. When we bought the house I said to my wife: "I will die in this house". Not to be morbid! What I meant was I loved our home, and I was looking forward to many decades of quiet enjoyment of our home with our family.

Today, due to external market forces beyond our influence, our house is appraised at greater than \$3mm.

In the 2018 provincial budget, you have surprised us with a new tax on our home. This is the home that we are raising our family in, in the tradition of many generations of Canadian homeowners, like my maternal grandmother - a first generation greek immigrant and single mother, and my paternal grandfather, a veteran of WWII, who took pride in owning, maintaining, and raising families in their modest homes.

This tax is an affront to Canadian values. You are sending a signal across the province that hard-working, responsible Canadian homeowners, like us, who want to raise families in this province, are not welcome here.

You should repeal this tax.

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cc:

The Hon. David Eby, Q.C., Attorney General of British Columbia and MLA
The Hon. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition and MP
The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and MP
The Hon. Andrew Weaver, MLA
The Hon. Andrew Wilkinson, Q.C., Leader of the BC Liberal Party and MLA
The Hon. Jody Wilson-Raybould, Attorney General of Canada and MP