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Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Louise Arbour. C.C, C.M.M., C.O.Q., C.D
Governor General of Canada
Rideau Hall
Ottawa, Ontario

Your Excellency Mme Louise Arbour

Re: Congratulations on your appointment as Governor General of Canada

The 85,000 members of the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of BC (COSCO BC) wish to congratulate you on your appointment as Governor General of Canada. We are aware of, and extremely proud of your exceptional international work in the field of human rights and are very honoured that you have accepted the position of Governor General. Your lifetime experience tells us that in the good times and the hard times we will benefit from your deep knowledge, guidance, skills, and wisdom.

Your lifetime of international work to protect and advance the human rights of all people and our own lived experience encourage and help us to strengthen our efforts to advocate for the establishment of a United Nations Convention to protect and advance the human rights of older persons in Canada and internationally. Drafting of such a UN Convention will continue at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva in July and October of this year.

We hope that you will join us in supporting this work and invite you to speak to our members and friends in Canada about human rights internationally and the advancement of protections for all older persons in Canada and internationally.

Wishing you every success in your new position and looking forward to hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours

Leslie Gaudette
President

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Chair, COSCO BC Human Rights of Older Persons\