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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO FOSTER PARENTS AND SUPPORT AGENCY STAFF MEMBERS

It has come to our attention that a few foster parents in the Province of BC have received advice from their insurance agents that they require ICBC business insurance for their cars in order to drive their foster children. We have been in contact with ICBC and have received the following information that you may present to your insurance agent should there be any question in the future.

On February 20th, 2020, ICBC's Underwriting Department confirmed that vehicle business insurance is ***not required*** for foster parents while transporting children for any reason. Fostering is not considered a business nor is fostering considered your "job", according to ICBC's definition. In the ICBC policies, foster parents are considered parents who are transporting family members.

The *only* situation where business insurance would be required is if a vehicle's primary use is for business purposes.

Please don't hesitate to contact BCFFPA for further assistance if necessary.

Regards,

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