

December 1, 2017

To whom it may concern:

Re: The Northwest BC Resource Benefit Alliance

Community Futures has a thirty year history of fostering entrepreneurship throughout British Columbia and across Canada. Since our inception, we have financed over 120,000 Canadian entrepreneurs, created over 500,000 jobs and invested in excess of \$4.2 Billion directly into the Canadian economy.

Our small business resources are as diverse as the communities we serve. We understand the unique needs of BC entrepreneurs and work hard to deliver the specialized skills and resources small business owners require to succeed.

With a mission to promote and support the development of a healthy and diversified community-based regional economy; we can recognize partners that are working to do all they can to support small business and the communities in which they operate. One such partner is The Northwest BC Resource Benefit Alliance (RBA).

The RBA together with Community Futures believe that an equitable revenue sharing agreement would have significant benefits for businesses in the Northwest, including both proponents of major new capital projects, and local businesses, large and small that have been operating in the area for years. Revenue sharing will:

- help build local support for major projects,
- help keep local business fees and taxes down,
- help recruit employees to the Northwest and retain them for the long-term, and
- likely most important, ensure that local governments have the capacity to supply the services and infrastructure that businesses need.

We believe revenue sharing would provide the region with the resources needed for it to reach its full potential.

Sincerely,



Rick McDaniel
Chairman