

**Hand-written card sample text**

*Please personalize as much as you can:*

Dear [name of local MLA],

Congratulations on your election [*or 're-election' if returning*] as MLA for [*riding*]. I've lived in [*community*] for [*x*] years now and I love [*example of the great things about your community*] but I'm sure you share my concern for the growing poverty in our community and throughout the province.

As you take on the important responsibilities of being our MLA (which must be very over-whelming!), I thank you for your commitment to a poverty reduction plan for British Columbia with legislated targets and timelines, and urge you to prioritize this promise as you move forward.

I'm happy to support you in this and would love to talk more if there is an upcoming opportunity. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,