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Dear Mr. Arseneault,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the Standing Committee on Official Languages (LANG). I have also copied the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages, the Hon. Randy Boissonnault.

I am writing in support of the Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones (FNCSF) to ask you to initiate a study on the chronic underfunding of French-language minority school boards, which has already been submitted to LANG as a request by FNCSF on January 29th.

This study will go a long way to identify obstacles to adequate funding for French-language schools in minority situations. In addition, possible solutions could be recommended to offer Francophones an education that is truly equivalent to that received by students in the majority of English-language schools.

The network of French-language minority schools has grown steadily over the past decade, partly as a result of Francophone immigration but also because an increasing number of Francophones are choosing to exercise their right to offer French-language education to their children.



By approving and moving forward with this study, you will help to ensure Parliament is being proactive on addressing challenges facing the future of French language education. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth May". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elizabeth" and the last name "May" clearly distinguishable.

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Cc. The Hon. Randy Boissonnault, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages

