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**Sent:** January 6, 2021 10:04 PM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Community Ramp Project Update

Hi Derek

I just wanted to advise the committee of this letter from Stop Gap. It seems the program is to be halted due to legal liabilities. I will keep you updated. It is too bad since it is just a great program.

Take Care  
Nancy

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Luke Anderson <[luke@stopgap.ca](mailto:luke@stopgap.ca)>  
**Subject:** **Community Ramp Project Update**  
**Date:** January 6, 2021 at 8:48:10 PM EST  
**To:** Nancy W

Hello Nancy and Cheryl!

On behalf of all of us here at StopGap headquarters I hope this message finds you having enjoyed a restful holiday season and you managed to connect with those closest to you in a safe and comfortable way amidst this ongoing pandemic. The pandemic has had an enormous impact on all of our operations and we've been using this time to work with an expert consultant to refocus our efforts by strengthening our systems and operations.

During the investigatory stage of our work with the consultants they identified a number of critical issues that need to be addressed in a timely manner. The most pressing issue is one of liability and risk management. **Consequently, this means all programming that involves ramp construction and deployment must be put on hold pending legal review and direction.** We are currently in the process of engaging a law firm to help us meet our legal needs but until this work has been completed we have been advised to notify all of our participating Community Ramp Project leaders and ask that they halt all ramp building activities until further notice.

Our hope is that this will be a speedy process and we will be back up and running sooner than later with a clear understanding of how to better support you and your efforts in your community. We will be following up with you periodically to update you on our progress as well as providing you with any necessary information on how to handle existing ramps that were distributed to locations in your community in the past. We are planning to host a half day virtual conference sometime in the Spring where we will be inviting all of our Community Ramp Project leaders to join in and learn about the latest developments with our resources. Stay tuned and know that we are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support of our important awareness raising work. We truly believe that this pause is a healthy moment in our evolution that will allow us to build momentum in even bigger ways when we resume.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch with any questions or concerns!

Warmly,

Luke

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**Luke Anderson** | Executive Director