

# Daycare reality will dawn this spring [CA] <sup>[1]</sup>

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Re: A daycare plan that deserves to die <sup>[2]</sup>, Andrea Mrozek, Dec. 5

It is not only Stéphane Dion who distinguishes himself from Stephen Harper when it comes to early learning and child care. All three federal opposition parties recently voted in support of a bill that promises federal support for high-quality, accessible child care. Not long ago, the provinces showed their commitment by signing child care agreements, with Ottawa. Mr. Harper is the one who shows himself to be out of touch with what Canadians want by cutting billions in federal funding for child care.

Therefore, I'm hoping for a spring federal election.

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Re: With child care, mothers know best <sup>[3]</sup>, letter, Dec. 13.

Letter-writer Kate Tennier's lament that parents don't want child care, and her claim that groups advocating against child care "do so on their own dime" are both factually incorrect.

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Some anti-child care groups do enjoy public funding: Kids First, for example, is a registered charity. By offering tax receipts, charities qualify as a form of public funding. Further, registered charities are supposed to refrain from advocacy or risk losing their charitable status.

Can anyone say "hoist with your own petard".

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