



The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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November 25, 2019

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, I wish to convey our congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of Health.

The CFPC was pleased to note the Liberal Party's commitment during the campaign that, under a re-elected Liberal government, Canadians would have improved access to family doctors, better access to mental health care services and would see the establishment of a national pharmacare program. We look forward to working with you in the coming term of Parliament to assist in delivering on these election commitments.

The CFPC's three key priorities expressed during the campaign align closely with the government's stated commitments:

- Ensuring timely access to primary care through [dedicated federal support through the Patient's Medical Home](#).
- Integrating [mental health services in community-based care](#).
- Establishing a [universal national pharmacare program](#).
- The CFPC is also committed to ensuring equitable high-quality access to care close to home, including in rural and remote areas of Canada, as described in the [Rural Road Map for Action](#) document produced jointly with the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.

The future of health care in Canada depends on strong federal leadership. The CFPC is eager to assist you in your role in delivering on the government's health care commitments.

As the voice of family medicine in Canada representing more than 38,000 members, the CFPC would be pleased to meet with you to discuss how we can support you.

Our Health Policy and Government Relations team can be contacted at your convenience through Artem Safarov, Director of Health Policy and Government Relations at artem@cfpc.ca.

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DU CANADA

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francine Lemire". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Francine Lemire MD CM, CCFP, FCFP, CAE, ICD.D
Executive Director and CEO

cc. Dr. Shirley Schipper, President, CFPC
Mr. Eric Mang, Executive Director, Member and External Relations CFPC
Mr. Artem Safarov, Director, Health Policy and Government Relations, CFPC