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February 15, 2023

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

As discussed at the working meeting of First Ministers in Ottawa, Ontario is looking to ensure sustainability and certainty in federal health care funding to support our ongoing work in improving health outcomes. I believe that we will swiftly come to an agreement to ensure that our health care system can meet the needs of Ontarians both now and into the future. All Canadians, including the people of Ontario, are counting on us to get this done.

To provide certainty and ensure long-term sustainability, I ask that the federal government amend its proposal by establishing the following review processes.

**1. Establish a review of existing FPT bilateral health agreements**

We recognize the importance of supporting necessary improvements to home and community care, mental health and substance use, and long-term care services, and as such agree to engage in a formal review process to assess results and determine next steps for existing bilateral healthcare agreements that will expire on March 31, 2027. This review will be conducted by a joint committee of health and finance officials from each level of government, completed by March 31, 2026.

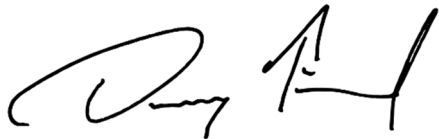
**2. Establish a five-year review of the federal health care plan**

We recognize the importance of long-term sustainability for Provincial and Territorial health systems and as such agree to engage in a formal five-year review of the federal healthcare plan outlined on February 7, 2023.

This review would consist of an assessment of both the new tailored bilateral agreements and the CHT investments. The review will consider results achieved thus far in shared health priority areas of family health services, health workers and backlogs, mental health and substance use, and health system modernization, including an assessment of progress-to-date on public reporting to Canadians using common indicators, while always protecting the personal health information and privacy of all Canadians. This review will also consider other health data commitments, as well as current and forward looking FPT investments to support this plan. This review will be conducted by a joint committee of health, finance and intergovernmental officials from each level of government, commencing by March 31, 2027, and concluded by December 31, 2027.

I would like to thank you again, Prime Minister, for your ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Ford', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario