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The Honourable Brian Pallister
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Dear Premier:

On behalf of Pharmacists Manitoba's Board of Directors, please accept our sincerest congratulations on your recent election as the Premier of Manitoba. We appreciate your hard work and commitment to serving Manitobans and wish you the very best as you embark on the leadership role for the province.

Pharmacists Manitoba currently has more than 1,000 members including pharmacists, pharmacy students, and corporate pharmacies and our mission is to enhance the recognition and compensation of pharmacist professional services while inspiring excellence in practice. We speak with a unified voice as the advocate for pharmacists in Manitoba.

We are pleased the Progressive Conservatives recognize that pharmacists play a vital role in our health care system. With the many challenges facing our system, we look forward to discussions with your government to enhance pharmacists' strong role in meeting these challenges. Your election platform reinforced the need to consider opportunities for innovation and many of your party's elected team members confirm pharmacists can play an integral role in advancing these opportunities.

Pharmacists are not only the most accessible health care provider in the province, we also are one of the most highly trusted among Manitobans. Pharmacists offer the best access points to health care in all urban centers and most rural and remote communities. Pharmacists are well positioned and highly trained to shorten health care wait times and improve minor ailment assessment and treatment services. As medication experts, successful managers of patient health services, and valued members of the patient health care team, we look forward to advancing pharmacy services for Manitobans in alignment with services provided in other provinces.

We would be delighted to meet with you and explore how pharmacists can improve the health services and health care available for Manitobans. We would also be very interested in working with you on the health related task force you spoke of during the campaign.

Once again, congratulations and thank you for your time and dedication.

Yours sincerely,

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