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Dear Pawandeep Sidhu:

Thank you for your letter offering assistance on behalf of Pharmacists Manitoba during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. I am pleased for the opportunity to respond.

Pharmacists play an integral role in medication management with an enhanced scope of practice and are a valuable and expert member of the primary health care team. Pharmacists remain a valuable resource to assist Manitobans with their health, and as one of Manitoba's most accessible health care providers, pharmacists are making a positive difference, especially during these unprecedented times.

I trust that my correspondence the week of May 8, 2020, inviting Pharmacists Manitoba to collaborate on the newly established, time-limited Manitoba committee focused on pharmaceutical supply and policy decisions addresses your concerns regarding engagement of Pharmacists Manitoba. Pharmacists are key to our collective efforts in managing a stable drug supply, and I hope that the formation of this table will enable and promote opportunities to advance collaborations towards our shared goals. I look forward to the thoughtful advice that will be brought forward through this engagement.

Thank you for writing.

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Sincerely.

Cameron Friesen