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The Honourable Marjorie Michel, P.C., M.P. Minister of Health House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 By email: marjorie.michel@parl.gc.ca

Dear Minister Michel,

On behalf of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA), I would like to express our support for the federal government's commitment to establishing a Task Force for Public Health Care Innovation. This is an important and timely step toward modernizing health care in Canada and ensuring that public investments deliver measurable outcomes for patients across the country.

To be effective, the Task Force must reflect the full spectrum of primary care providers, including physiotherapy professionals. Physiotherapists play a critical role in improving patient outcomes, reducing reliance on higher-cost interventions, and alleviating pressures on the broader health system. Their inclusion will ensure that the Task Force benefits from the unique expertise of physiotherapy in driving innovation, expanding access to care, and strengthening Canada's health system.

We also encourage the Task Force to be mandated to invest in and scale up made-in-Canada public health-care solutions, strengthen and better leverage health data, and ensure accountability in public investments—including the \$25 billion *Working Together Agreements* signed with provinces and territories. Embedding these priorities within the Task Force's work will maximize the return on public investment and accelerate the transformation of Canada's health system.

The Canadian Physiotherapy Association strongly supports the creation of this Task Force and would be ready to contribute to identifying physiotherapy leaders who can contribute valuable expertise to its work. We believe that including physiotherapy voices will help ensure the Task Force achieves its goals of improving innovation, accountability, and access to care.

Thank you for your attention to this important initiative. We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate and contribute to the task forces success.

Sincerely,

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