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The Rt. Hon. Mark Carney, P.C, O.C., MP.
Prime Minister of Canada
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

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Re: Thank You for Including Physiotherapists in Canada Student Loan Forgiveness

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA), which represents a profession of more of 30,000 credentialed physiotherapists across the country, I am writing to thank the Government of Canada for upholding its commitment to include physiotherapists in the Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program for professionals working in designated rural and remote communities.

This decision reflects a clear recognition of the essential role physiotherapists play in Canada's health-care system and the unique workforce challenges facing rural and northern regions. By extending loan forgiveness eligibility to physiotherapy graduates, your government has taken a meaningful step toward improving access to rehabilitation services, supporting health workforce sustainability, and advancing equity for Canadians regardless of where they live.

Physiotherapy graduates enter the workforce ready to contribute, yet many face significant financial barriers early in their careers. Including physiotherapists in this program will help ensure that student debt does not stand in the way of serving communities where the need is greatest. It will also send a strong signal to students and early career clinicians that their contributions are valued and supported.

The CPA appreciates the government's responsiveness to stakeholder input and its commitment to strengthening Canada's health workforce through practical, evidence-based policy solutions. We look forward to continued collaboration as this important measure is implemented and as we collectively work to improve access to care for rural and northern Canadians.





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Thank you again for your leadership and for delivering on this commitment.
Sincerely,

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