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Amanda Ross-White
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Dear Ms. Ross-White

Re: *Letter of concern regarding cuts to Canada Drug Agency (CDA) information services*

Thank you for your letter dated March 13, 2024, expressing your concern regarding funding changes at the Canada Drug Agency (CDA, formerly the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health) information services. In my capacity as the Provincial and Territorial Health Lead Minister, I am pleased to provide a response on behalf of Nova Scotia and my PT Health Minister colleagues.

As funders of the CDA, the provinces and territories are committed to budget decisions that consider first and foremost the health and wellbeing of our people and communities. Financial planning is carried out in alignment with our shared commitment to improve healthcare for Canadians.

We agree that the functions performed by information professionals in the access and provision of credible data and research for evidence-based decision making are key to supporting our federal, provincial, and territorial priorities. We note that Canada's healthcare systems are evolving, and PTs continue to work with the CDA to ensure these priorities are met through its restructuring efforts.

Thank you for sharing your views and for your commitment to the importance of health library services at CDA as well as within the healthcare system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Thompson".

Michelle Thompson
Minister of Health and Wellness

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