Sample Letter to Member of Parliament

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Mr. Gérard Deltell, M.P. House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Deltell:

The federal government has always been an active partner whenever major developments in the history of health care in Canada have occurred. I am very optimistic because health care has always been a major concern for the Conservative Party of Canada. Today's health needs, however, are different from those of the first Accord. We now need to focus on such things as mental health services, pharmacare, seniors care – including home care and long term care – among other health services.

Canadians strongly support major healthcare reforms. As you are aware, Mr. Deltell, Canadians are getting older and will require a lot more support from their Medicare. I believe the health care system must do more for seniors and their families. As such, I urge that an emphasis on seniors care be targeted in the next Health Accord. I truly believe that the active commitment you display in Parliament can only advance the call for change and it is central to making this happen.

I applaud the federal collaboration with the provinces and territories – including the commitment to renegotiate a new reinforced and strengthened Health Accord – to ensure the delivery of the best care to Canadians. In particular, the transfer of funds should incorporate a formula of topping off to compensate the provinces, like our own, with older populations to deal with the pressures placed on them by an aging population.

The riding of Ahuntsic-Cartierville, which you represent since the last federal election as a Member of Parliament, has a significant number of active older Canadians. We are counting on you to keep the government on its toes, to defend our views and to direct the efforts of Parliament towards reaching an acceptable Accord. This would indeed be an historical achievement of which we, and future generations of Canadians, would all be proud.

Mr. Detell, notwithstanding criticism from Donald Trump, our national health care system is a defining and envious characteristic of Canada. Canadians across this country are looking to you and other Members of Parliament to take focussed action to protect Medicare and to initiate immediate steps to create the Medicare of the future. I urge you to take the necessary steps to encourage collaboration with the provincial, territorial and local governments in the renegotiation of a national health accord that meets the changing needs of our aging population; and that protects, transforms and strengthens the delivery system of health care to all Canadians, in particular to older Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

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