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The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister Carney:

I am writing today to once again express Newfoundland and Labrador's growing concern with the federal government's fractured approach to implementing national pharmacare. By providing funding to only four jurisdictions and deferring engagement with the remaining provinces and territories, including Newfoundland and Labrador, the federal government has created inequities in access to essential medications across the country.

As a province facing unique demographic and health challenges, including having one of the highest rates of diabetes in Canada, ensuring Newfoundlanders and Labradorians receive the right care at the right time, without having to pay extra, is a key priority for my government. As I highlighted in my meeting with Minister Michel in November, national pharmacare is a milestone in Canadian healthcare and must be implemented fairly and equitably among all provinces and territories for the benefit of all Canadians, no matter where they live.

My government is eager to resume active negotiations with the federal government, and I am hopeful that the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador will soon benefit from the same level of support seen in other jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tony Wakeham".

HONOURABLE TONY WAKEHAM
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cc. The Honourable Lela Evans, Minister of Health and Community Services
The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health
The Honourable Joanne Thompson, Minister of Fisheries