



April 22, 2022

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos
Minister of Health
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Minister Duclos,

The signatories to this letter are writing to you to express our strong support for the decision that you announced on April 14th, 2022 with regards to the Amendments to the *Patented Medicines Regulations* providing new tools to protect Canadians from excessive prices for patented medicines.

We agree that the implementation of the new basket of comparator countries and reduced reporting requirements for those medicines at lowest risk of excessive pricing are measures that are important to the improvement of access to quality medicines while generating significant savings over the coming years, and building a sustainable healthcare system.

We are pleased that the federal government is also continuing its work to streamline the approval of new drugs, develop a national strategy for drugs for rare diseases and proceed with an ambitious biomanufacturing and life sciences strategy.

We are confident that the federal government will continue to work closely with its provincial and territorial counterparts to ensure that their health system policies and processes align with these goals as well. Please count on our support in this regard.

Yours truly,

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