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Member of Parliament for Portage—Lisgar

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for taking the time to voice your thoughts and concerns surrounding a national pharmacare plan. This is an important issue and I always appreciate hearing from my constituents on matters such as these.

Currently, approximately 80 % of Canadians have prescription medication coverage either through private or public insurance plans. While the Liberals pay lip service to the idea of a national pharmacare plan, they have not even begun to consult provinces who administer health care. It is also irresponsible to propose solutions that may cost billions and result in tax increases for hardworking Canadian families who already have coverage.

The Prime Minister has all but abandoned his pledge to support our aging population with more homecare. Justin Trudeau is spending billions of dollars on foreign pet projects but has no plan to combat the opioid crisis and has also failed to deliver for Canadians struggling with dementia, PTSD and other mental illnesses. His health care priorities fail to actually make a difference in the lives of Canadians. For example, he is spending \$80 million to entice Canadians to quit smoking, while simultaneously spending almost a billion dollars on legalizing marijuana.

Pharmaceuticals cost Canadians an estimated \$28.5 billion yearly. The Liberals are already running such a large deficit that the cupboard is bare, who is going to pay for a national pharmacare plan? Once again, the onus will fall on Canadian taxpayers. It is irresponsible to propose solutions that may cost billions and result in tax increases for hardworking Canadian families who already have coverage.

Unfortunately, the out of control spending and deficits of this Liberal government will make it very difficult for any meaningful federal investments in health care or any other social programs. Canada's Conservatives are focused on bringing forward solutions that address the health priorities of Canadians, and policies that put people before government.

Sincerely,

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