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Dear Ms. Audeau,

Thank you for your correspondence of January 26th 2021, and for giving me an opportunity to outline how I believe pharmacists can continue to play a critical and supportive role delivering health care throughout our province.

As you indicated, pharmacists are approachable and accessible in many communities. Residents of this province have come to rely and count on the compassionate and supportive care delivered by their community and neighborhood pharmacists.

As you alluded to, the health care system in Newfoundland and Labrador is broken. We need to transform our "sick" care system into a "health" care system. I believe that pharmacists and the Pharmacists' Association can be a key partner in helping a PC Government achieve this transformation.

In your letter, you asked three questions:

Will the Progressive Conservative Party, if elected, provide the support described above [in the preceding paragraphs of your letter]? Our answer is yes.

Will your party support regulatory changes that enable pharmacists to practice to their full scope? Our answer is yes.

Will your party take immediate action to integrate pharmacists into the delivery of publicly funded primary health care in our province? Our answer is yes.

A PC Government will support the inclusion of pharmacists in primary health care teams. Our new health care team model will provide residents with access to family doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, physiotherapists, pharmacists, occupational therapists, and dieticians. We will strive to decrease the unattached patient rate to 5%.

In support of primary health care teams, we will ensure all health care professionals are able to practice at their full scope of professional practice and we will modernize the medical fee structures, so they are flexible enough to cover innovative arrangements for service delivery by multidisciplinary health care teams.

Please find more details about our health policy at pcnl.ca.

I believe in working together, and I look forward to working collaboratively with the Pharmacists' Association in the months and years ahead. Let us sit down together at an early opportunity to discuss your goals. If at any time I can be of assistance, please contact my office, as my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Ches Crosbie
Leader
Progressive Conservative Party of Newfoundland and Labrador