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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health
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Dear Minister Hajdu,

I write to you on behalf of my constituents and the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club (VCBC) regarding licensing issues that currently exclude VCBC from providing a not-for-profit and accessible space for medical users of cannabis and the need for greater accessibility to medical cannabis.

Unfortunately, there are still many barriers in place making legal medical cannabis unattainable and expensive. As you are aware, residents of my province, British Columbia, are currently dealing with a general inaccessibility to family physicians and general practitioners. Further, users of medical cannabis who face financial hardship already struggle to pay for medications as well as have difficulty in accessing credit in order to purchase cannabis online.

Minister, through correspondence with VCBC and my constituents, I believe that it is imperative that resources be allocated to improve accessibility for medical cannabis patients. Improvements to production and licensing regulations such as, special store fronts and higher allowable content of medical THC products are some of the options that have been brought to my attention and which I wholeheartedly support.

Thus, I ask for and appreciate your attention to this matter; I will look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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