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The Honourable Tim Houston  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
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Dear Premier Houston and Premier Ford,

On behalf of community pharmacists across the country, let me begin by thanking you both for your leadership in your respective provinces. In Nova Scotia and in Ontario, you have both championed community pharmacies as a tool to address the rising challenges relating to access to primary care.

Premier Houston, your government's establishment of pharmacy-led clinics have eased the burden on Nova Scotia's health system while providing accessible access to primary care for thousands across Nova Scotia. As you finish your tenure as Chair of the Council of the Federation, we are grateful for all you have done for community pharmacists and the patients we care for each and every day.

Premier Ford, community pharmacists have been greatly encouraged by your government's efforts to date to expand pharmacist's scope of practice to include the treatment of a number of minor ailments. As you begin your term as Chair of the Council of the Federation, we hope you will continue to leverage the power of community pharmacy and champion Canadian-made healthcare solutions for Ontarians – and all Canadians.

Across the country, 95 percent of Canadians live within five kilometres of a community pharmacy. By fully embracing the role of community pharmacies, providing necessary resources, and maintaining consistent government support, Canada can take the critical steps needed to build a sustainable and patient-directed healthcare system.

Thank you both for your continued partnership and leadership. Neighbourhood Pharmacies looks forward to continuing to work with you and your provincial and territorial colleagues to ensure all Canadians have access to the care they need when they need it most.

Sincerely,

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