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## **Open Letter to Members of Parliament from Innovative Medicines Canada**

To Members of Parliament:

We are Innovative Medicines Canada, the national voice of Canada's innovative pharmaceutical industry. Together, our more than 50 members advocate for policies that enable the discovery, development and commercialization of innovative medicines and vaccines that improve the lives of all Canadians.

We are proud to be an integral part of our country's world-class healthcare system. We work to ensure Canadian patients have the best access to innovative medicines and vaccines. Canada's innovative pharmaceutical companies are a critical part of the life sciences economy and are committed to providing value.

Supporting Research Canada's efforts, we advocate for investments in Canada's life sciences sector. Each year, our industry invests more than \$1-billion in Canada's life sciences sector through clinical trials, support for researchers and centres of excellence and partnerships with governments and academia.

Innovation is not only what we do, but also how we do things. Along with our members, we are pushing the boundaries in how we deal with illnesses, how we work with our partners and how we demonstrate the value of innovative medicines and vaccines. Our members are delivering on incredible advances in life sciences, changing the lives of Canadians, and helping to reduce the burden of chronic diseases on our healthcare system.

We look forward to working with you, with Research Canada and with all Parliamentarians to deliver better healthcare for all Canadians.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out directly at [rwilliams@imc-mnc.ca](mailto:rwilliams@imc-mnc.ca) or 613-236-0455.

In health,



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