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Dear Premier Pallister,

On behalf of the Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada, I would like to congratulate you on your re-election as Premier of Manitoba and your government for their majority win. Neighbourhood Pharmacies applauded the Manitoba PC party commitment to the enhanced health of Manitobans, especially women. The campaign promise to enable pharmacists to prescribe medication for uncomplicated UTIs was well received. This is a clear commitment to better, more sustainable health care that will make life easier for Manitoba families and create capacity in physicians' offices and emergency rooms across the province.

As you know, Neighbourhood Pharmacies represents Canada's leading pharmacy organizations in every community across Canada. Our pharmacies are deeply rooted in their communities and our members are home to the most trusted providers of drug therapies, pharmacy-based patient services and innovative health care solutions. In all they do, our members are relentlessly focused on Manitoba patients.

With over 400 community pharmacies in Manitoba, the total economic footprint of the pharmacy sector is estimated at over \$579.9 million in GDP and 8,800 jobs. In addition, it is estimated that the pharmacy sector in Manitoba generated a combined \$61.6 million in fiscal benefits to all levels of government in 2016; and about 86% of those fiscal benefits occurred within the province itself.

We look forward to continuing to work with you, your Minister of Health, and your entire government toward improving outcomes and advancing sustainable health care for all Manitobans.

Once again, congratulations on your re-election.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hanna
Interim Chief Executive Officer