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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of National Revenue

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Re. Disability Tax Credit documentation requirement

Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of family physicians in my riding who are struggling to manage the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) documentation requirements.

The DTC form is a 16-page document that must be completed by family physicians during an already very overloaded work day. This requirement reduces the level of service these practitioners are able to provide to patients. In addition, physicians are not compensated for spending up to an hour completing one form and can be audited, further reducing their availability to patients.

I ask that you, as minister, act to:

- Eliminate the requirement for family doctors to complete the DTC, revising legislation like the Income Tax Act, Section 118.3, relieving medical practitioners of this obligation;
- Implement alternatives to safeguard the integrity of DTC applications (e.g., auditing like the CRA's approach to tax returns);
- Apply short-term changes such as streamlining existing forms and providing remuneration to family physicians for completing forms;



These steps will enable family physicians to streamline DTC services without hurting the DTC itself and allow them to focus on providing quality care to more patients.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth May". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Elizabeth May, O.C.
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