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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of Finance

**Re: Budget 2025 - Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program**

November 20, 2024

Dear Minister Freeland,

I am writing to voice my strong support of renewing the Federal Government's commitment to the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program in Budget 2025 through a contribution agreement for \$10 million.

In 2024, the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program submitted and was successful at securing half of the funding requested in their federal budget proposal for \$20 million. The Program is in urgent need of the remaining \$10 million to increase the value of awards beginning in September 2025. Additional federal funding is much needed, especially in a time when Canadians are experiencing record inflation, tuition costs, living expenses, and housing costs.

The values of the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program align solidly with the values of Canadians and our government. Over the past 42 years, these individuals advanced many humanitarian causes and require our support. While most scholarships prioritize grades and leadership, this award weighs: humanitarianism - as defined by the depth and breadth of impact on others, particularly in areas addressing the most pressing needs of today; and courage and tenacity in overcoming obstacles - such as those faced by our nation's most marginalized communities. The award also takes community service/civic engagement, and to a lesser extent, athletics, and grades under consideration.

Please provide the remaining amount of \$10 million for the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award to increase the value of the scholarship and increase the number of awards



granted to Canadian youth. Further details outlining the overwhelming community and long-term impact of the award, as its financial benefits, are enclosed in budget submission prepared by the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth May". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

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