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The Honourable Mark Holland
Minister of Health

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Minister of Finance

December 3, 2024

Re: PAN funding proposals for action on HIV, hepatitis C and harm reduction

Dear Minister Holland and Minister Freeland,

I am writing to you on behalf of PAN, a British Columbia-based provincial network dedicated to strengthening BC's action on HIV, hepatitis C and harm reduction.

PAN, part of a coalition of 20 organizations engaged in Canada's response to HIV, hepatitis C and sexually transmitted and bloodborne infections, has submitted two funding proposals to the Minister of Health. These proposals would help Canada achieve its commitment to eliminate HIV as a public health concern by 2030.

The proposals call on the federal government to:

1. Invest \$7.2 million annually for five years (2025-2030) to hire 100 community-based staff to link people living with HIV to services, helping them achieve viral suppression.
2. Establish bilateral funding agreements with provinces and territories worth \$150 million over three years for HIV prevention, testing and treatment, contingent on meeting targets and timelines.



Please support these funding proposals, as they would have a positive impact for many in my constituency and across BC. I have attached documents with further information on the proposals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth May". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Elizabeth May, O.C.
Member of Parliament
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