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Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Health
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Kahlon,

On behalf of BC's Naturopathic Doctors (BCND) and the naturopathic doctors we represent across British Columbia, congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Health. We look forward to working with you in your new role, while also keeping Minister Bailey and her family very much in our thoughts.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your team to discuss how naturopathic doctors can support the government's efforts to strengthen primary care, improve access to care and make better use of existing healthcare capacity. We appreciate that you are newly settling into the portfolio and look forward to hearing from your office when a meeting can be arranged.

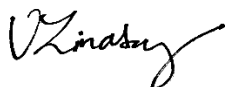
Approximately 800 regulated naturopathic doctors provide care in communities across British Columbia, often through ongoing relationships with their patients. BCND believes there are practical opportunities to better integrate this existing capacity within the broader healthcare system and support the province's objectives around primary care, team-based care and health human resources.

One of the challenges we see is duplication and a lack of coordination between the care patients are already receiving and the pathways through which they access the broader healthcare system. In some circumstances, patients receiving ongoing care from a naturopathic doctor may require an additional appointment with another provider to access services or enter care pathways that could otherwise be initiated through their existing care relationship. Better alignment could reduce unnecessary steps, improve continuity and make more effective use of limited primary care capacity.

BCND has already been engaged in constructive discussions with Ministry officials about potential practical steps to address these challenges. We see an opportunity to build on that work and explore measured approaches that would better connect naturopathic doctors with the broader healthcare system, while supporting appropriate safeguards and existing system processes.

Congratulations again on your appointment. We wish you every success in your new role and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Vanessa Lindsay, ND, Board President

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