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**Re: The National Pharmacare Plan**

Dear [Mr./Mrs./Ms. (full name of MP)],

I am writing on behalf of [CFUW Club name], an affiliate of CFUW (the Canadian Federation of University Women), a national, non-partisan, self-funded organization founded in 1919. With 94 Clubs across Canada and over 6,600 members, we work to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, social justice, and peace.

I am writing to express [CFUW Club name]’s **ardent support for the recently-announced national pharmacare plan** and its accompanying legislation, Bill C-64, *An Act respecting pharmacare*.

In 2017, CFUW resolved as a national body to urge the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to deliver universal pharmacare—a publicly funded and financially sustainable drug plan that would cover medically necessary prescription drugs for all Canadians, regardless of their ability to pay. After years of campaigning from non-governmental organizations, patient groups, and other members of the public, we are pleased to see this long-awaited pharmacare program will include universal and single-payer coverage.

We are especially pleased to see that the initial rollout will include coverage for contraception. Universal, free access to contraception is critical to ensuring reproductive rights and bodily autonomy, which is why CFUW passed a Resolution back in 1976 urging the government to make contraception readily available to all persons without charge. The inclusion of diabetes medication in this first phase will also be life-changing for so many Canadians.

Affordable medication is an essential element of a high-quality healthcare system. For far too long, Canadians have been paying higher prices for prescription drugs than most other developed countries, resulting in unacceptable financial burdens on patients. This must change as soon as possible. Accordingly, **we sincerely hope that Bill C-64 will pass swiftly with your support** and that the national pharmacare program urgently receives the funding that it needs to cover all essential medications.

Thank you for your attention and support on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

[Club President signature]

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