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Dear Minister Dix and Dr. Henry,

On behalf of the Association of Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC), we are writing to thank you for your reasoned, thoughtful and evidence-based approach to the current COVID-19 crisis. The public health measures implemented are strong reminders to us all that these are difficult times but that, with a strong focus on evolving the system, we can mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

NNPBC appreciates the strength of your leadership to the BC response to COVID-19. You have both demonstrated flexibility and an unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of British Columbians and the healthcare providers that work tirelessly each day to sustain the system and provide care. We have heard you when you say that you are enacting measures to ensure that healthcare providers have access to the proper personal protective equipment. We have shared your wisdom with our members around social distancing and "flattening the curve". You have both shown grace under pressure and humanity when you face the media for near daily briefings by providing detailed information, answering questions with candour and by calming frayed nerves.

As one of the most trusted professions, the public looks to nurses to help interpret health information. BC nurses in turn are sharing your wisdom in order to help allay fears and concerns around COVID-19, while at the same time ensuring that we work to mitigate its spread.

Please know that NNPBC stands behind your approach and will continue to share updates and links to your briefings with our members. As an organization we stand behind a thoughtful, reasoned approach that focuses on solutions to challenging problems.

The nurses of this province are unwavering in our commitment to our first principle- to provide safe, compassionate and ethical care. Working together, we will get through this. We stand with you.

Sincerely,

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