



November 26, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Indigenous Services and
Minister Responsible for Federal Economic
Development Agency for Northern Ontario
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Hajdu:

On behalf of the country's psychologists who are members and affiliates of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), I am writing to congratulate you on your recent re-election and appointment as Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister Responsible for Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario.

As we approach the opening of Canada's 44th Parliament, we commend your government for committing to several important public policy initiatives that focus on expanding and improving timely access to mental health care programs and services for Indigenous Peoples.

As the national voice that represents the largest group of specialized, regulated mental health care professionals in this country, the CPA shares in your government's commitment to reconciliation. As an association and a profession, we have owned our role and responsibilities and are acting on several initiatives focused on reconciliation (enclosed). We look forward to working with you and all Parliamentarians to ensure federal investments in the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Peoples – such as through the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program – deliver the care people need when they need it.

We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss psychology's commitments and activities to support the mental health and well-being of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. I can be reached at executiveoffice@cpa.ca.

Best wishes for a successful session in Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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