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The Honourable Karen Casey
Minister of Health
Nova Scotia Department of Health
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Dear Minister Casey:

First, let me congratulate you on your new appointment this Wednesday as Health Minister. You should be able to use all of your background as both an educator and former chair of a health authority in your challenging new position.

As former Education Minister, you know of the Chamber's active role in education issues. I also wanted to let you know that the Chamber is very concerned about health. We have been a pioneer in workplace health, holding the annual Healthy Business Awards for the last two years. Concerning the province's public health system, we publicly supported the government in adopting all recommendations of the Corpus Sanchez report last January. Most recently, we have offered our support to Cheryl Doiron and your department as it embarks upon its ambitious transformation process.

If there is any way we can assist you or your department in fulfilling your duties, please let us know.

I wish you all the best in your new duties and hope to speak with you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Payn
President and CEO