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## **ADDRESS**

House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear

On behalf of the Canadian Psychological Association and its almost 7,000 members and affiliates nationwide, I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me to discuss the importance of improving access to psychological services in Canada.

As you know, CPA is concerned that despite an awareness of the benefits of evidence-based psychological interventions, there continues to be a severe gap in the ability of patients to receive needed care. As a result, the burden of mental health care surpasses the public health expenditure costing the Canadian economy over 50 billion dollars annually.

I want to thank you for agreeing to send the Minister of Health a letter of support indicating that the province can implement measures to improved access to psychological services while at the same time demonstrating positive return on investment.

Again, thank you for taking the time to meet with me and for your support of mental health. We invite you to visit our website at <a href="www.cpa.ca">www.cpa.ca</a> to learn more about the science and practice of psychology

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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