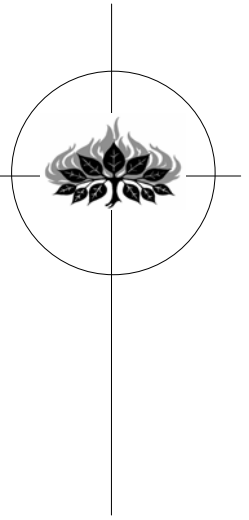


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The Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, P.C. M.P.
Minister of Health,
House of Commons,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Dosanjh,

I am writing to you on behalf of the 131st General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Presbyterian Church in Canada supports the five principles of the Canada Health Act. As a member of the Canadian Council of Churches, our denomination participated in the submission to the Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada.

Our denomination welcomes your commitment to strengthening public accountability of spending on health care by both levels of government. We support initiatives by the federal government to identify and assess the impact of privatization on Medicare. The effectiveness of these initiatives depends on all provinces and territories providing timely statistics on for-profit delivery to the federal government.

We would be interested in learning what specific steps the federal government has taken or plans to take in order to secure this information.

I look forward to hearing from you. Rest assured of our continuing prayers.

Yours respectfully,

The Rev. M. Jean Morris,
Moderator, 131st General Assembly,
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cc: Ms. Jean Crowder, M.P. Health Critic

cc: Ms. Bonnie Brown, M.P. Chair, Standing Committee on Health

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