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Re: Support for Provincial Health Services Authority Review

Dear Premier Eby and Minister Osborne,

On behalf of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), I commend the Province's announcement of a comprehensive review of the Provincial Health Services Authority. This is a meaningful step toward strengthening healthcare system performance and public trust.

We extend our deep appreciation to Health Authority staff who continue to provide care under challenging conditions across BC's vast and diverse geography. This review presents an opportunity not only to improve patient outcomes but also to better support frontline healthcare workers through enhanced governance, coordination, and transparency.

The NCLGA represents communities spanning 69% of BC's landmass, home to 7% of the population and nearly 60% of the Province's Indigenous residents. Our region's rural, remote, and underserved communities face persistent challenges in accessing consistent and timely care.

We urge the Province to broaden the scope of the review to include Northern Health and Interior Health. A province-wide approach will help address longstanding health inequities and ensure all British Columbians benefit from meaningful reform.

Key priorities we encourage the review to address include:

- Reducing diagnostic and test result wait times;
- Enhancing access to services in rural and remote areas;
- Implementing a shared electronic health record system across Health Authorities in collaboration with the Ministry
 of Citizens' Services.

The NCLGA and its members stand ready to support this important initiative by contributing regional perspectives and collaborating on actionable solutions that strengthen care for all.

Thank you for your leadership. We look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Judy Greenaway

President

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