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Dear Judy Greenaway:

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 2025. I am pleased to also be responding on behalf of the Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia, and apologize for the late reply.

Since you wrote, I am sure you are aware of the expansion of the health authority review to also include the regional health authorities as announced in this June 10, 2025 <a href="news">news</a> release. While the Provincial Health Services Authority was selected as an initiation point for the review due to its provincewide role in providing services, given the interconnectedness of our health system and the unique pressures across different geographical areas of the system, we recognize that a broader scope across all health authorities is necessary to optimize how supports and services are delivered across British Columbia.

The areas mentioned in your letter – reducing diagnostic and test result wait times, enhancing access to services in rural and remote areas, and implementing a shared electronic health record system – are all areas of discussion underway in various review channels. These topics and others are all being considered and discussed as we engage with health authority staff in order to protect key services that British Columbians rely on while keeping costs manageable.

Thank you so much for your recognition of health authority staff. We too deeply appreciate their work to deliver services to people across British Columbia. It is the voices of these frontline staff that are integral to affect systemic change across the province, and we are committed to providing an avenue for engagement from each staff member across every health authority.

Thank you again for taking the time to write in and share your reflections on the Health Authority review underway. We anticipate the review to be complete in the first half of 2026 and will publicly release the findings and recommended changes at that time.

Sincerely,

Josie Osborne Minister

pc: Honourable David Eby, Premier