



**Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités
Canadian Association of Retired Teachers**

January 22, 2021

The Honourable Deb Schulte
Minister of Seniors
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Schulte,

L'Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités, The Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER-CART) represents 170,000 members who have come together to focus on issues that affect the wellbeing of seniors across Canada.

We have been heartened to read the Supplementary Mandate letter of January 15, 2021, that you received from Prime Minister Trudeau. He specifically itemized issues that are of great concern to our membership:

- Support for elder abuse prevention
- Aid for seniors to age in place and remain in their homes longer
- National standards for long-term care
- Access to a primary health care team including a Doctor
- Increased services to tackle mental health and substance abuse issues
- A national, universal pharmacare program

As an Association of seniors, we individually have direct experience with the problems that are caused by the deficiencies that each item identifies.

As an Association we support your personal, and your government's commitment to delivering on actions that will relieve these health pressures and challenges that seniors in Canada face daily. We stand ready to support and help you fulfill this mandate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Tiede'.

Gerry Tiede,
President

cc. Prime Minister Trudeau
cc: ACER-CART Executive Committee
ACER-CART Board of Directors