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The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, P.C., M.P. Minister of Health Government of Canada House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 via Jean-Yves.Duclos@parl.gc.ca

Dear Minister Duclos,

Thank you!

This letter is purely to thank you for an awesome decision.

I was one of only three patient representatives who served on the Patented Medicines Prices Review Board, PMPRB Steering Committee on Modernization of Price Review Process Guidelines 2018-2019.

Our registered charity has helped patients understand the PMPRB with a series of articles and videos on our website to encourage discussion https://badgut.org/pmprb-impact-report/.

Your announcement on April 14, 2022, related to the coming-into-force of the Amendments to the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (PMPRB) Regulations is welcome and applauded.

From the start of this project in 2018, we have always supported the proposed changes to the basket of comparator countries and wanted the amendments to stop there. You have made it happen! Canadian patients are grateful.

Thank you for putting patients' needs first. This is what the Minister of Health should be doing.

Wishing you the best in all your future decisions.

Yours sincerely,

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