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Dear Dr. Ripstein, and Dr. Ziomek,

I am writing, today, to convey my deepest thanks and heartfelt gratitude to all the physicians of Manitoba – to each and every one of your members. The severity and duration of the COVID-19 crisis is challenging every institution, every organization, and every family in our community: and your members are working in the eye of the storm. I would like you to know how much we treasure and respect you, and the ethic of service you represent.

We know that our situation in Winnipeg is serious. Just yesterday, I listened to Dr. Owen Mooney's compelling account of his experience providing care to COVID-19 patients in Winnipeg hospitals . . . and then, being stricken by the virus himself. His words, from his COVID-19 quarantine, were the most powerful call to action I have ever heard.

I would like your members to know that, every opportunity I have, I will keep echoing Dr. Mooney's message, urging prevention: "Maintain your bubble, limit your contact with outside. . . wash your hands, social distance, mask when outside." We will keep sharing these messages with Winnipeggers, and providing all the latest information about the City's efforts to fight COVID-19 – including timely notification of potential exposures on Transit – on our City of Winnipeg EmergWeb, at <https://www.winnipeg.ca/emergweb/covid-19/default.stm>.

It is hard for most of us to fully comprehend the severe stress physicians are facing in this emergency: the incredible, exhausting, daily cascade of concern for patients, colleagues, and family members. But I am certain that all Winnipeggers, given the opportunity, would want to express their deepest sympathy for, and solidarity with, the physicians who care for us.

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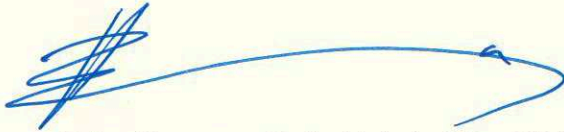
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We appreciate your caring, your skills, and your stamina, through this long and difficult crisis. We appreciate the tremendous sacrifices you're making, and the selflessness you've shown. And we appreciate your leadership and contributions to public discussion, as we pull together to protect and care for one another.

To the physicians of Manitoba: thank you so much for all you do. We wish you every reserve of strength, and skill, and grace, as you continue your life-saving work on behalf of all of us. May you and your families be preserved in good health always, and may we all see brighter days, soon.

Meegwetch, merci, and thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke that curves upwards at the end.

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