



Canadian
Physiotherapy
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physiothérapie

Dear _____,

I am reaching out as a constituent from your riding and my postal code is _____. May marks National Physiotherapy Month, and this month serves as a reminder that **physiotherapy is for everyone.**

The Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA) is committed to optimizing the scope of physiotherapy across Canada. As a physiotherapist in your province, I see firsthand how an increase in optimized scope could mean better health outcomes for people in my community and substantial savings to our healthcare system.

Right now, different provinces allow physiotherapists to do different things in their healthcare systems. It means a physiotherapist with the same training in one province may be able to do more for their patient than a physiotherapist in another. The federal government can be a leader in working together with provinces to optimize scope of practice across the country.

Deloitte's recent report on physiotherapy underscores this potential. It reveals that physiotherapy is already **reducing the burden of illness in Canada by \$232 million per year.** These savings are through direct cost savings to the health care system and indirect savings related to helping workers stay in the workforce. Furthermore, by increasing the number of practicing physiotherapists by 62% to reach the OECD average, we can further alleviate the burden of diseases such as osteoarthritis, back pain, and coronary heart disease by **an additional \$144 million per year.**

Despite these promising findings, our expertise is not being fully utilized across the country. By enabling physiotherapists to practice their full scope, we can improve access to healthcare across the country and save the healthcare system millions. Will you commit today to advocating for physiotherapists in Canada to practice their full scope?

As we mark **National Physiotherapy Month**, I call upon you to support our profession and help us deliver better healthcare to Canadians while saving millions for our healthcare system.

Sincerely,
