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Sent via email

Dear Ministers,

On behalf of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA), I am writing to express our concern regarding the recent federal decision to reduce Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) allocations by 50%. This significant reduction poses challenges to our province's ability to attract and retain essential veterinary professionals, particularly in rural and agricultural communities.

Veterinarians (NOC 31103) and veterinary technologists and technicians (NOC 32104) play a critical role in maintaining animal health, ensuring food safety, and supporting Manitoba's agricultural economy. The PNP has been instrumental in facilitating the immigration of internationally trained veterinary professionals, allowing employers to address workforce shortages without the additional time and financial burdens associated with Labour Market Impact Assessments.

We fully understand the complexities involved and are eager to collaborate with your ministries to find solutions to address these workforce shortages. The MVMA believes that, through joint efforts, we can ensure that veterinary occupations remain a priority within Manitoba's PNP, helping to mitigate the impact of the federal reductions and ensuring that Manitoba continues to attract and retain the skilled professionals necessary to support our communities and industries.

We respectfully hope that, with your support, we can advocate for the federal government to reconsider these reductions and continue prioritizing veterinarians and veterinary technologists within the PNP.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued support of Manitoba's veterinary profession. We look forward to working together to address this pressing issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joe King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Joe King
President, Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association