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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., O.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada

House of Commons

Ottawa, ON

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Via email - mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

RE: Congratulations from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

Dear Prime Minister Carney:

On behalf of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) and the more than 15,000 veterinarians across Canada, we extend our sincere congratulations on your election to the House of Commons and appointment as Prime Minister of Canada.

Since 1948, the CVMA has proudly served as the national voice for Canada's veterinary profession. Our members are deeply engaged in protecting public and animal health, supporting food safety and security, and advancing animal welfare. We work closely with federal departments and agencies, including Health Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the Public Health Agency of Canada, to promote science-based policy and practice.

As your government begins its mandate, we respectfully urge your support for three key federal priorities that are essential to strengthening Canada's veterinary capacity and public health systems:

- **Investing in Canada's veterinary workforce**, including funding for internationally trained veterinarians and the development of a national testing centre to enhance pathways that bring more veterinarians to Canada – especially in rural and remote communities – increasing domestic capacity and food security;
- **Addressing mental health challenges** within the veterinary profession, which faces some of the highest rates of psychological distress among health care providers; and
- **Ensuring access to critical veterinary pharmaceuticals** by modernizing regulatory pathways and enhancing international cooperation with health regulators.



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Veterinarians play a vital role in the health and safety of Canadians. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your team to discuss how we can work together in support of Canadians, animals, and our environment.

Once again, congratulations on this historic achievement. We look forward to working collaboratively with you in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

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President

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