Message from the Minister of Health
2018 Canadian Veterinary Medicine Association Convention
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As Minister of Health, I am pleased to welcome you to Vancouver for this year's Canadian Veterinary Medicine Association (CVMA) Convention.

As you celebrate the 70th anniversary of your association, I would like to recognize your excellent work, valuable leadership and longstanding advocacy for veterinary medicine in Canada.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the support your organization has provided to Health Canada throughout the development and implementation of the regulatory and policy changes introduced to address the issue of antimicrobial resistance in the animal context. These are important achievements under the Federal Framework and Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance and Use in Canada and will have lasting impacts on the health of humans and animals alike.

Antimicrobial resistance continues to be a global public health issue and a priority for the Government of Canada. We have made significant progress, and much of this is a result of the leadership and extensive work of the CVMA to encourage responsible antibiotic use.

I wish you well in your discussions over the coming days. The Government of Canada looks forward to continuing to work with you to find solutions to global health problems. We thank you, once again, for your vital work.

The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, P.C., M.P.