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Dear Patented Medicines Prices Review Board:

The Pharmaceutical, Laboratory & Blood Services Division (PLBSD) of the BC Ministry of Health strongly supports the work of the Patented Medicines Prices Review Board (PMPRB).

Although we understand the need to adopt a "status quo" approach while a new set of guidelines is created; we hope the PMPRB will proceed with its new basket of comparator countries as soon as it is feasible and continues to pursue methods that ensure Canadian consumers are protected from excessive drug prices.

If there is any support required from the PLBSD, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.

Sincerely,

Mitch Moneo

**Assistant Deputy Minister** 

Pharmaceutical, Laboratory and Blood Services Division