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Thank you for the invitation.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is pleased to provide this testimony. Our key points are:

1. Strengthen and support primary care delivery systems.
2. Ensure funding, particularly for underfunded health sectors.
3. Address the needs of underserved populations.

Primary care delivery systems support the health of all Canadians and are fundamental to a strong health system. They provide accessible, high-quality care and support overall health outcomes. Enhanced funding and support are crucial to sustain and strengthen these systems.

Funding in the health sector is critically important. Underfunding in critical areas such as primary care and public health can lead to long-term economic and social consequences. The funding gap must be addressed.

Underserved populations, such as those in rural and remote areas, as well as marginalized communities, require additional support to ensure equitable access to health care.

Thank you for considering these points. We look forward to your questions.

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