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The Honourable Kirsty Duncan
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Dear Minister Duncan,

On behalf of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC), the national voice for academic pharmacy in Canada, we want to congratulate you on the release of *Canada's Fundamental Science Review*. As an organization dedicated to providing timely, independent and informed advice and research on urgent issues that impact the health of Canadians, AFPC and the Deans of Pharmacy have been participants in the consultations that Dr. Naylor and his panel members undertook to prepare the report. Like many in the health sciences community, we welcome the report's constructive approach to rethinking the funding and organization of research in Canada.

AFPC applauds the thorough work of the panel, their widespread consultations and detailed recommendations. AFPC had called for a review of the structure of funding agencies – the recommended improvements to governance and coordination will strengthen front-line research and support early career researchers. We urge the federal government to implement the Advisory Panel's recommendations and support the much needed \$1.3B investment in front-line research. Canada's future as a knowledge-based economy will be strengthened by the acquisition of sound evidence and the success of governments' strategies on technology, innovation and life sciences will be enhanced. Canada's competitive position on the world stage is at risk, both in research and economically, if we do not move forward with the recommendations.

AFPC and the Deans of Pharmacy stand ready as partners, to provide the insight and expertise to realize the vision laid out in the report, and to support your government's commitment to research, discovery and innovation.

Please extend our congratulations and appreciation to the Prime Minister and your colleagues for realizing such an important, future-shaping report, which has the potential to benefit Canadian science and the health of Canadians for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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