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Dear Dr. Reimer:

On behalf of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Chief Public Health Officer. Understanding the breadth of your portfolio and responsibilities, the CPA looks forward to working with you to ensure that Canada is effectively positioned to address current and emerging public health issues.

In this context, the CPA would encourage the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to continue to build on its work in the area of mental health – which includes mental wellness, prevention and promotion, and education. In a post-COVID world combined with an uncertain geopolitical environment, we must ensure that the people of Canada – particularly those who are vulnerable and/or marginalized – have ready access to clear and unbiased information, tools, programs and services that can promote good mental health.

From the perspective of the CPA, we continue to advocate for additional public investments to improve timely access to publicly-funded psychological services and strongly support the federal policy objective of achieve mental health parity for all in Canada. As part of this approach, we must develop and implement more effective recruitment and retention strategies for public sector psychologists, and invest in training new psychologists, to ensure there is the adequate capacity to treat those in need.

As you may know, the CPA is also a member of PHAC's Health Professionals Forum and looks forward to continuing to work with all members in a collaborative fashion.

As you settle into your new position, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide you with a deeper sense of the CPA's strategic focus, as well as identify other areas where both organizations can work together. I can be reached at [executiveoffice@cpa.ca](mailto:executiveoffice@cpa.ca).

Sincerely,

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