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The Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
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Dear Minister Hussen,

I am writing you to follow up on a question I asked of your government in the House of Commons today about specific issues of shared medical services in border communities with the United States. Although this question was directed to the Prime Minister, I appreciate your answer; however some critical information remains unaddressed.

Given the consequences very clear, concise and definitive answers are required for health care professionals:

1. You answered your understanding is that there have been no changes in any border practices related to access to critical care agreements with the United States and Canada.
 - a. Does this include all patients including refugees admitted to Canadian Hospitals?
 - b. That all pre-existing protocols remain consistent prior to the Executive Order.
2. What specific documented and undocumented assurances have you received from US officials?
3. What specific communication has been provided to health care providers since the Executive Order?
4. In the event that an individual is denied or delayed at the border who should they contact?
5. What communication is being provided to US border agencies about said practices?

6. How should Canadian health care providers follow up with your department if they encounter any barriers with respect to treating their patients accessing care in the United States?

As you appreciate there is urgency to these matters as every effort should be made to avoid health treatment disruption arising from the new US Administration's approach to the Canada-US border.

Thank you in advance for these considerations, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Masse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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