Subject: **Pharmacy technician immunizers are needed in Alberta**

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Dear Mr. Shandro:

Dr. Hinshaw’s **Direction to Seek Further Assistance from Regulated Health Practitioners with COVID-19 Immunization** will help ensure there are sufficient numbers of qualified health professionals available to administer COVID-19 vaccine as the immunization program expands.

As a pharmacist, I am ready and willing to fulfil this role yet I believe Alberta will need as many trained immunizers as possible. Pharmacy technicians are experts in vaccine handling and aseptic technique and are preparing to administer injections. Current regulations provide a barrier to utilizing Alberta’s pharmacy technicians in this capacity.

Pharmacy technicians in Nova Scotia, Ontario and internationally, including the United States and United Kingdom, have already been granted authorization to administer vaccines. Enacting an order to enable this practice would bring Alberta in line with other leading jurisdictions.

I believe now is the time to grant pharmacy technicians the authority to administer injections.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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