Long COVID Action Canada

Draft follow-up on petition e-7076

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To: Minister of Health, Government of Canada

Re: Petition e-7076 - measurable improvements for Long COVID patients

Dear Minister of Health,

Long COVID Action Canada (LCAC) is following up on the government response to House of Commons petition e-7076, tabled on 19 August 2026. We welcome investment in research and clinical guidance. We ask for a public account of what these investments have changed for people living with Long COVID. The response describes national clinical guidance, CIHR-funded research and Long COVID Web. Research funding and guidance do not, by themselves, show whether patients can access care. The response provides no patient-outcome measures or timelines for closing these gaps, and identifies no new Long COVID-specific disability-income or treatment-cost support. Please provide a written response to the following questions:

1. Results for patients.

What measurable improvements have federal Long COVID investments produced in access to timely diagnosis, knowledgeable specialist care, treatment, disability support and income security? Please identify the measures, baseline, reporting period and results. Where results are not yet available, please state when they will be reported.

2. Guidance into care.

How is the government working with provinces and territories to put national clinical guidance into practice? Please identify federal responsibilities, planned milestones and how access and wait times will be assessed, including regional gaps.

3. Disability and treatment costs.

What steps will the federal government take, within its responsibilities, to assess and address unmet disability-income and treatment-cost needs among people with Long COVID? Please identify the responsible departments and the next decisions or reviews.

4. Open requests.

Does the government intend to pursue a national inquiry or national minimum standards for diagnosis and care pathways, as raised in the petition? Please explain its position, the next steps and any timetable. We ask that the response identify a responsible federal contact and a date for the next public progress report. Please include how people living with Long COVID will participate accessibly in setting priorities and reviewing progress.

LCAC intends to publish this letter and the substantive response so patients can follow the commitments and next steps. Please acknowledge receipt and indicate when a full response can be expected.

LCAC's full analysis is available at longcovidaction.ca/federal-response. Sincerely, Robert DeRosa Long COVID Action Canada hello@longcovidaction.ca

Source: House of Commons petition e-7076 and government response.