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Hon. Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,

The passing of the federal *Pharmacare Act* was a significant milestone in the realisation of a truly universal, public health care system, one that includes essential prescription drugs and medical devices for those who need them. The governments of Manitoba, British Columbia, PEI and Yukon have already signed bilateral agreements that will see contraception and diabetes supplies covered for their residents.

But with signs the federal Liberal government is backing away from the commitment to deliver on Pharmacare, **it is essential that Ontario step up, hold the Liberals to their commitment and secure an agreement.**

Today in Ontario, too many patients are rationing medication or forgoing treatment altogether because they cannot afford the cost of their prescriptions. 1 in 5 Canadians are going without coverage for medication costs, and Ontario ranks among the top provinces with the highest drug deductibles.

That is why Ontario's NDP has long championed the expansion of prescription drug coverage, most recently in a motion put forward by the Member for Hamilton Centre this March, which your caucus regrettably voted against.

People all around the world recognize Canada as a leader in treating health care as a right. Care based on needs, not ability to pay is a core part of who we are as Canadians. Now more than ever, we need to stand firm for those Canadian values and protect them.

In the face of economic uncertainty, we can ensure workers, families – and all Ontarians – are not stuck paying out-of-pocket for their essential medications. People are counting on us.

Premier, I am calling on you to act now to demand the federal government to keep its commitment to the people of Ontario and deliver Pharmacare.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marit Stiles'.

Marit Stiles
Leader of the Official Opposition