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To all Provincial Party Leaders,

As you embark upon the first day of leading your party through an election campaign, we want to speak on the importance of health care, on behalf of Ontario's 43,000-plus doctors, even in the face of the threat posed by the tariffs from the United States.

Our health-care system remains in crisis. There are 2.5 million people in Ontario without a family doctor and that number is going to balloon to over 4 million in a year. Among our comparator nations, Canada leads in having some of the worst wait times for access to physicians, MRIs, and surgical procedures. This is unacceptable.

While you debate the choices that Ontario will need to make to ensure the province's economy is sustainable, Ontario's doctors are asking all Party Leaders to prioritize the care of the people of this great province. Let's ensure everyone has a family doctor. Let's make certain our emergency departments stay open. Let's ensure that whether you live in northern and rural Ontario, or in an urban centre, everyone in this province has access to physician care.

There is no doubt that health care is an economic advantage for Ontario and for Canada. Corporate investment in the province can leverage the public health-care system to reduce costs and ensure a healthy workforce. Unlike American companies who bear the financial burden paying for expensive health-care insurance, universal access to care in Ontario alleviates that hardship and makes our businesses competitive internationally. Let's shore up this advantage so we can come out of these challenging times even stronger.

As the representative of Ontario's physicians, the OMA is committed to advancing the health and well-being of all Ontarians. We are committed to collaborating on innovative, solutions-oriented approaches to address the challenges facing our health-care system and to build a healthier, stronger Ontario for all.

Thank you,



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