Partnerships and Workforce Planning

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Ms. Lori Green, Executive Director Massage Therapist Association of Saskatchewan #16 – 1724 Quebec Avenue SASKATOON SK S7K 1V9

Dear Ms. Green:

I am writing as a follow-up to our meeting on March 29, 2017 regarding self-regulation of massage therapists in Saskatchewan. We appreciated meeting with you to discuss your views on this issue.

As you know, the Ministry had asked the key stakeholders including associations representing massage therapists and educators to work together to arrive at a consensus on regulation of massage therapists. While we have seen some progress in that regard, there is still a lack of agreement on key issues such as grandfathering current practitioners and the level of risk that massage therapy may pose to the public. Given that no consensus has been reached on these key issues, it would be premature to introduce legislation at this time. We encourage you and other stakeholders to continue to work together on the issue of regulating massage therapy in the province.

In closing, we would like to thank-you once again for your participation so far in this process. We look forward to continued collaboration with McKay Career Training and other stakeholders on the issue of massage therapy regulation.

Sincerely,

Duane Mombourquette

**Executive Director** 

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