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Temporary \$118 Million Stabilization Fund to Help B.C. Family Doctors

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VICTORIA, BC – BC Health Care Matters is continuing its advocacy for accessible health care in British Columbia, demanding action and solutions that will ensure every resident has access to a family doctor.

The announcement of a temporary \$118 Million stabilization fund to help B.C. family doctors might be a necessary measure to urgently address the current ongoing health care crisis in the province, and an attempt to slow down the mass exodus of family doctors. We understand that such measures can present a short term solution in order to avoid catastrophic loss of life as a result of further loss of physicians.

However, as Minister Dix and Dr. Dosangh of Doctors of BC stated, this is only a temporary measure and it does not address the real issues that have led to this health care crisis, nor does it restore health care access to the almost 1 Million British Columbians without a primary care physician. Minister Dix's use of words like "Action" throughout the announcement was of note, which is an indicator that our pleas and demands have been heard.

We believe our relentless advocacy and tireless campaigning are having an impact and we are encouraged to continue on our mission to ensure that everyone in B.C. has a family doctor. BC Health Care Matters is energized and will continue its advocacy and demand action that will result in an improved, accessible healthcare system. We don't want any more reviews, forums, or working groups. We want action now! We want doctors now!

Order your sign today, share your story, write to your MLA, and donate to the Society to help us keep up the pressure.

Further commentary from President Camille Currie can be found <u>here</u>.

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