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PREMIER OF MANITOBA

Room 204  
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8  
CANADA

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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for writing to me. I want to assure you that our government is committed to protecting the privacy and personal health information of all Manitobans.

Manitoba has strong laws safeguarding privacy and personal health information under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and *The Personal Health Information Act*. We will always uphold these protections for Manitobans.

As the chair of the Council of Federation group of provincial and territorial Premiers, I led Premiers from across the country in protecting your personal health information as we negotiated a new Canada Health Transfer funding commitment from the federal government.

Throughout the Canada Health Transfer negotiations, our government focused on securing equitable funding from the federal government to strengthen Manitoba's health care system into the future. I have written to the Prime Minister stating all provinces, including Manitoba, will protect personal health information, sharing only general statistics such as surgical and diagnostic wait times.

I can assure you we will never share your personal health information with the federal government or any third party. We will also continue to fight for more equitable health care funding to ensure our health care system provides quality care for all Manitobans.

Thank you again for writing to express your concerns on this important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heather Stefanson".

Heather Stefanson  
Premier of Manitoba