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Dear Shelley Glover,

As one of the candidates running for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party, we are reaching out to you about the advocacy work being done by our Human Rights Triage Protocol Coalition. Our group has been advocating for over a year for Triage Protocols, in our province, that acknowledge that this is a Human Rights issue that has significant impact on vulnerable people with disabilities, as well as other vulnerable groups. Most recently, we provided two documents to the Minister of Health, and Shared Health, that lay out the arguments for the need for such a protocol, together with a set of recommendations. You will find both of these documents at www.hrtipc.ca, as well as additional information about our efforts to date.

There has been no action in response to our repeated requests for a Triage Protocol and we feel an overwhelming sense of urgency, as the crises in Alberta and Saskatchewan unfolds and our own province experiences the 4th wave. This is a human rights issue of significant proportions. We are calling upon the Government of Manitoba to take proactive steps and inform Shared Health that it has a legal obligation to ensure that disabled persons and other vulnerable persons are not intentionally or systemically discriminated against. The best way to do this is for Shared Health to introduce triage protocols that are transparent and based on human rights principles. We hope that you will take the time to carefully review our documents, take a positive stand on this issue and connect with our Coalition for further discussions.

Yours truly:

Human Rights Triage Protocols Coalition

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