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Will Johnston, MD
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Dear Dr. Johnston:

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 2006, and enclosure regarding vaccines used in the Saskatchewan immunization program. I appreciate being informed of the concerns of the Canadian Physicians for Life.

I agree that there have been significant benefits to the health of our residents as a direct result of immunization programs through a reduction in the occurrence of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Saskatchewan Health works in collaboration with the federal government and the other provinces and territories to ensure that safe, effective and affordable vaccines are available to protect the health of our residents. The vast majority of vaccines used in the provincial immunization program are purchased through federal-provincial-territorial joint purchasing contracts.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to officials in my department so that they are aware of your concerns as they participate in the development of vaccine contracts for the publicly funded immunization program across Canada.

Again, thank you for taking the time to inform me of your views regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Taylor', written over a large, stylized flourish.

Len Taylor
Minister of Health