(Practitioner letter to the Health Minister

Copy and paste on your Letterhead. If you’re your clinic has multiple practitioners, adjust this letter from singular to a plural version. Include all licensed practitioners in the clinic. Signatures of all practitioners should be added at the end)

Honorable Mark Holland **House of Commons**
Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada
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(Place Date here)

**Dear Honorable Mark Holland:**

I am proud Canadian citizen. I am also a licensed health practitioner of (State profession here). I run a clinic (or list if you are part of a larger practice) and attend to XXX (list number of patients generally under your care) patients yearly.

As part of my services I use a wide variety of Natural Health Care products to help my patients manage their health care needs. (if you do compounding in your office mention this).

I have been informed by my suppliers of these NHPs that a new proposal by the NNHPD on cost recovery for regulating NHPs are alarming and excessive. I have been told that if implemented, these costs will result in a number of products that I rely on being no longer available to me.

In addition, these proposed Cost Recovery amounts will also raise the costs of the products that remain available, placing an undue burden on me and my patients.

Under Section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, my patients and I have the right to Life, liberty and security of person. I request that you engage with the NNHPD and instruct them to open a meaningful dialogue with suppliers and health care professionals like me. The goal of these discussions would be to ensure that my supply of natural products are not being limited or overpriced due to inappropriate regulatory fees.

I request a reply from you indicating that you have heard my concerns and that you will act as Health Minister to ensure that I am able to continue to offer my services to patients in need. I also request that you will ensure that I, and my colleagues, continue to have access to the full range of Natural Health Products, including the licensed professionally dispensed products in the industry, that we are accustomed to without the increased regulatory fees that will have to be passed on to the patient that would make them inaccessible to many. The professionally dispensed products need a different regulatory category and should not be lumped in with products intended for the retail market.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely

(Signature, Name and credentials)