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Dear Community:

On March 3, 2023, I had the honour of participating in an event to welcome three NDP representatives to our community for a Town Hall meeting discussing our community's health care needs. Leading up to the event, letters of invitation were sent to the Ministers of Health, Mental Health & Addictions, Seniors and Rural & Remote Health and, their critics, and to our MLA. The critics and NDP leader accepted our invitation.

Ms. Vicki Mowat, MLA Saskatoon Fairview and Critic to Health, Mr. Matt Love, MLA Saskatoon Eastview and Critic to Mental Health & Addictions, Seniors and Rural & Remote Health and Ms. Carla Beck, MLA Regina Lakeview and NDP Leader attended to speak of the health care issues impacting the town and surrounding community of Delisle.

Numerous issues of access to care were raised and concerns expressed regarding appropriate staffing levels of our health care centre. Ms. Beck, Mr. Love and Ms. Mowat were receptive to concerns raised and shared similar stories from other communities they have visited on their Health Care Solutions tour.

I spoke with our MLA, the Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Energy and Resources, and he conveyed his intention to continue to support the health care needs of our community. He understands our need to advocate on behalf of our residents and indicated he would continue to work with us in this regard. He expressed regret he was unable to attend the town hall.

I would like to thank those involved in this important event for their valuable contributions:

Mrs. Deb Winder, Chair of Health Council and Town of Delisle Councillor – Thank you for coordinating an event and giving our community an opportunity to share their concerns.

Community members who attended and those who spoke about their personal concerns – Thank you for sharing your personal stories and trusting that the information you gave would be handled respectfully.

Ms. Vicki Mowat, Mr. Matt Love and Ms. Carla Beck – Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules to show our community that our concerns matter. Your care in listening to our concerns is appreciated. We look forward to continuing to work with you in advocacy for health care needs.

Honourable Jim Reiter – Thank you for reaching out to convey your regrets for not attending. Your continued support and years of excellent representation are appreciated and valued. We look forward to continuing to work with you in support of our community's needs.



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Our Government and Saskatchewan Health Authority – Thank you for improving our service in response to the letter writing campaign with the addition of a part time Nurse Practitioner (.4 FTE) for our community. We hope that soon, we can return to the level of service we previously had with a part time physician, or additional Nurse Practitioner services. I encourage our community members to continue sending letters and sharing stories. This makes a difference.

We realize there is currently great difficulty facing health care in our province. We acknowledge that these challenges will only be overcome with cooperative efforts of all parties involved in the delivery of health care. We hope that moving forward, the concerns will be heard and changes will be made to address them. We look forward to being part of the solution.

I have a great love for my community and appreciation for the special people who live here. I am grateful that we had this opportunity to speak up about our concerns and that they were heard by people who are committed to working toward a better health care system. I hope that we can continue this journey to resolve the issues and address the needs of our community.

I encourage you to access the services at our health centre as our Nurse Practitioner is now starting to see patients who have been waiting on the wait list. Please demonstrate our need for these services by utilizing them and requesting that you be added to the wait list at our clinic.

Yours sincerely,

Cary Brunett Mayor, Town of Delisle