



Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honourable Bill Morneau, M.P., Minister of Finance

The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, M.P., Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, M.P., Minister of Health

The Honourable Filomena Tassi, M.P., Minister of Labour

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Dear Prime Minister, Sir and Mesdames,

Thank you for the work that you, your colleagues and staff are doing on behalf of Canadians to ensure safety and wellbeing in the face of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. On behalf of Canada's Kinesiologists, we are profoundly grateful for the leadership you have demonstrated in managing this crisis.

The Canadian Kinesiology Alliance, in our capacity as the federal association for Kinesiologists in Canada, is reaching out to you on behalf of Kinesiologists in Canada and the nine provincial kinesiology associations across the country.

Collectively, our associations represent more than 4200 Kinesiologists across Canada.

Canada's Kinesiologists are endeavouring to adhere strongly to all Federal and Provincial guidelines, including any emergency orders issued to prevent and mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As a result of the circumstances created by COVID-19, Kinesiologists across Canada, like other health care professionals, are developing telehealth programs for their clients. However, not all clients are able to participate in a telehealth kinesiology program.

As with many others in healthcare professions, such as physiotherapists, registered massage therapists, athletic therapists, and occupational therapists, Kinesiologists are facing significant economic hardship due to the limitations imposed by COVID-19 mitigation efforts. While social and physical distancing are necessary to limit the proliferation of the virus, the inability to meet in-person with patients represents a significant and debilitating reduction in Kinesiologists' earnings.

We recognize that Canada's emergency financial programs are being developed as quickly as possible and that an enormous effort is being undertaken to provide support to the many Canadians who have been financially impacted by COVID-19. On behalf of Canada's Kinesiologists and their clients, and on behalf of the many others who are in this "all or nothing" situation, we strongly support the initiative to modify the CERB program to allow Kinesiologists (and others) to provide services and have the government 'top-up' payment to the maximum of \$2000 per month.

Our Kinesiologists believe it is the right thing to do to keep working with clients who depend on them for continued care and health. With this modified CERB program, they will be able to support some of their

clients through telehealth services. This is a benefit to the government (less cost), to Kinesiologists, and to clients who need continued care and support.

We wish to thank you for your support in modifying the CERB program to allow individuals who are working reduced hours (down to 10 hours a week or less) to qualify for a top-up to \$2000 for the 4-week reporting period – we understand that the details are still being worked out, but we have confidence that the amended program will provide the financial support required for those individuals across the country who have been reduced to low part-time hours.

Again, thank you for the work that you are doing on behalf of Canadians, thank you for listening to feedback from across the country on the impacts, and thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



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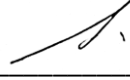
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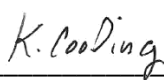
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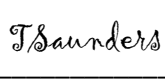
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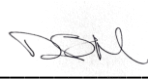
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