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Dear Minister Bains,

I am writing today to express my support for the reappointment of Dr. Mona Nemer as the government's Chief Science Advisor (CSA). I understand that Cabinet is expected to make a decision on this matter over the next few days.

Not only does public science play a critical role in keeping Canadians safe, it drives the innovation that sustains our economy and allows our key industries to remain competitive on a global basis. The importance of the CSA's role in this regard, and in supporting our country's scientific infrastructure and researchers, cannot be overstated.

The Professional Institute's working relationship with Dr. Nemer is excellent and I can personally attest to her competence and dedication. Her leadership and collaboration on the scientific integrity file has been instrumental in helping to embed scientific integrity within the federal government. This policy provides a framework for science-based decision-making in the federal government and ensures open public discussion of our members' research.

I also urge Parliament to enshrine the Chief Science Advisor's position and mandate in legislation as soon as possible. This would ensure continued evidence-based decisions in support of government policies, ensure Canadians understand the importance of their public scientists' work, and prevent ideological attacks on science by future governments.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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President