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Dear Dr. Yiu,

The uncertainty and anxiety felt by members of United Nurses of Alberta and other health care workers continues to grow without clear information on the order in which front-line workers will receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Many groups of essential workers are becoming increasingly frustrated and concerned as their efforts to determine when they will receive vaccinations go without any meaningful response.

I am writing you today to urge Alberta Health Services to immediately provide transparency on its vaccine rollout plans for health care workers, which must by now be at a fairly advanced stage. There is no compelling reason for AHS not to share this information with health care workers in an open and transparent way, so that our members and other front-line workers understand where they fall on the priority list.

Albertans, and in particular the health care workers who are literally risking their lives to bring quality care to their fellow citizens in this difficult health care crisis, deserve such transparency. Clear communication will bring certainty into these workers' lives and calm some of their legitimate fears for themselves and their families.

I strongly urge you to provide a clear schedule of the vaccine rollout as it impacts health care workers immediately.

Yours very truly,



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