



**Nurse Practitioner
Association of Canada**

**Association des
infirmières et infirmiers
praticiens du Canada**

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Dear Ministers of Health,

The World Health Organization declared this year, 'the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife'. Today is World Health Day. This year the world is profoundly challenged with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nurses are the largest group of health care professionals on the front line every day and in every country. We are there when the world needs us along with other professional colleagues who need nurses every day.

Nurse practitioner (NP) scope of practice has advanced over the years and as a result of these changes, NPs are able to provide excellent nursing and medical care to patients around the world. In Canada NPs continue to be available to Canadians daily to address their needs and especially now during this pandemic.

It is timely to reach out to you, our politicians, to impress upon you, the need for a shift in the organizational culture of hospitals and culture among health care professionals, so we have a health system that is versatile, sustainable and cost effective into the future.

Nurse practitioners are regulated by various acts in the respective provinces and territories, as well as within federal legislation. We call upon you as the national leader in health to seek amendments to legislation that allows Nurse Practitioners across the country to practice to their full scope. Currently NPs have no portability across our vast country and regulatory and legislative differences impact NPs ability to fully enact their scope. Canadian citizens need access to health care professionals. In this historic year I call for action on the part of our politicians to open Acts to have legislation that supports nurse practitioners and ensures license portability in our country.

Sincerely,

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