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Dear Dr. Marchuk and Dr. Housden:

Thank you for your letter regarding Canada Life Assurance Company's non-recognition of nurse practitioners (NPs) as primary care providers for long-term disability (LTD) claims. I apologize for the delay in my reply.

I appreciate your advocacy for improving access to LTD insurance for claimants. Your letter highlights the role of collaboration between Alberta's government, regulated health professions, and relevant insurance organizations to ensure continued access to LTD supports for Albertans. Please be assured that our government is committed to increasing Albertans' access to health services and related supports by enabling NPs to practise to their full scope.

As you are aware, under Alberta's [Health Professions Act](#) (HPA), NPs have legislated authority to serve as most responsible providers, including assess, diagnose, provide treatment and interventions, and make referrals. However, as Canada Life Assurance Company is a private organization, the Government of Alberta is unable to comment on its policy for LTD claims or coverage. That said, I encourage you to continue discussing your concerns regarding the company's LTD policy with the President and Chief Executive Officer.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Adriana LaGrange  
Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services