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Dear Ms. Evin Jones:

Thank you for your letter dated November 2, 2016, concerning the Community Action Fund (CAF). I appreciate the long-standing relationship between the Pacific AIDS Network and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

PHAC received 224 applications, from the open and competitive solicitation for time-limited projects, totalling more than \$63M annually. This greatly exceeded the available funding envelope of \$26.4M per year.

As a result of the assessment process, 124 organizations were successful and have been invited to submit full funding proposals. I understand that the result may have put some organization in a difficult position.

I have asked PHAC to provide transitional project-based funding for an additional year, ending March 31, 2018, to those currently funded organizations not continuing on in the solicitation process. PHAC will also be working with organizations that were approved for projects at amounts lower than their current funding level. Project-based funding will be determined on a case-by-case with each organization to address their specific situation.

I understand that PHAC officials have made initial contact with all organizations that currently receive funding but who were either not successful or less successful than hoped in the application process to discuss next steps in this process. Meetings will be held with these same organizations in the coming weeks to discuss workplans and budgets for the transitional funding year.

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I appreciate your concerns about the CAF, I have asked the CPHO, Dr. Gregory Taylor and the President, Siddika Mithani to follow up directly with you. Their offices will be in touch to find a date for this meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Philpott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Honourable Jane Philpott, P.C., M.P.

c.c. Gregory Taylor, BSc, MD, CCFP, FRCPC,
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Siddika Mithani, PhD,