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Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: Letter re: Alcohol Health Warning Labels

On January 25, 2023, at a regular meeting of the Board for the Timiskaming Health Unit, the Board received a [Briefing Note 'Mandatory Labels on Alcohol Containers'](#) and passed the following motion:

Motion (#6R-2023) was passed which included the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health resolve to Call on the Government of Canada to amend the Food and Drug Act to make mandatory that all alcohol beverage containers have enhanced alcohol labels affixed:

- 1. Indicating what constitutes a standard drink;*
- 2. Illustrating the number of standard drinks in the beverage container; and*
- 3. Displaying health messages regarding adverse health outcomes, including the cancer risks associated with the consumption of alcohol.*

AND FURTHER THAT, the THU Board of Health endorse, in principle, Bill S254 – An Act to Amend the Food and Drug Act (Warning Labels on Alcoholic Beverages) and Motion M-61 A National Warning Label Strategy for Alcoholic Products.

The Timiskaming Health Unit fully supports the above recommendation, and thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacy Wight, Board of Health Chair

Copy to:

- Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health
- Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada
- Dr. Kieran Moore, CMOH

- Chair of the *Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health*
- Hon. Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing Timiskaming
- Hon. Charlie Angus, MP Timmins-James Bay
- Hon. Patrick Brazeau, Senator, Independent
- Hon. Lisa Marie Barron, MP Nanaimo-Ladysmith
- Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
- Ontario Boards of Health
- Canadian Public Health Association
- Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy