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Honourable Terry Lake
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Dear Mr. Lake,

On behalf of HPV Awareness, please accept our warmest congratulations on your decision to expand the HPV vaccination program to include all boys in the province of British Columbia. We were very happy to hear that as of September 2017, boys in Grade 6 have been included into the school-based HPV vaccination program. We are pleased that the Government of British Columbia acknowledges that all boys deserve equal access to this incredibly effective cancer prevention tool offering protection against HPV and its many related cancers.

We look forward to more provinces following the example of British Columbia and hope that your Government will join us in explaining to other provinces the necessity and urgency of establishing gender-neutral HPV vaccination programs.

Partnered with The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) and The Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada (SGOC), HPV Awareness is a national, bilingual, registered charity, the only one of its kind in Canada raising awareness of HPV, through our educational program. Since 2006, we have been providing HPV education throughout every demographic of our Canadian school systems to students of all ages, their parents, and faculty. There is a huge need for impartial, age-appropriate, simple and precise sexual health education in schools and homes. We see firsthand and say clearly that financial support, education, and equity of vaccination programs against HPV are essential to having successful HPV prevention programs. Our work creates a new understanding and educates health care providers, parents and young people to both participate and adhere to existing programs.

We have every confidence that British Columbia’s HPV vaccination program will continue to progress under your leadership and we remain available to promote this with you by providing our educational programs in your schools.

Kindest regards,

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