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Honourable Dr. John Haggie
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Dear Dr. Haggie,

On behalf of HPV Awareness, please accept our warmest congratulations on your decision to expand the HPV vaccination program to include Grade 6 boys in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. We are pleased that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador 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 territories following the example of Newfoundland and Labrador, and hope that your Government will join us in explaining the necessity and urgency of establishing gender-neutral HPV vaccination programs everywhere.

Partnered with The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist of Canada (SOGC) and The Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada (SGOC), HPV Awareness is a national, bilingual, registered charity, and is Canada’s leader in raising HPV Awareness primarily through our education programs, and on-line tools, which includes our www.ourway.ca platform. Since 2006, we have provided HPV information throughout 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 work nationally to educate providers, parents and young people, by improving adherence to existing HPV vaccination programs.

We have every confidence that Newfoundland and Labrador’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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