

## Example letter to candidate “Pharmacare”:

*Date*

*Mailing address*

Dear [CANDIDATE]

As a *registered nurse/nurse practitioner*, I am a professional with both knowledge and experience of the healthcare system and share common objectives to improve the quality of and access to health care for all New Brunswickers.

Did you know a national, universal Pharmacare plan could save New Brunswick \$278 million per year? With an additional \$278 million, the provincial government could invests:

- \$101 million to home care, of which \$2 million could be allocated to approximately 5,500 more home care visits for New Brunswick seniors.
- \$101 million to build 40 community health centres, providing 80,000 more residents with high quality integrated care to respond to both physical and mental health needs.
- \$13 million could provide 250 more long-term care beds per year.
- \$63 million could hire 800 registered nurses, which would reduce overtime and improve safety across the board.

Implementing a national, universal Pharmacare for all New Brunswickers is only one of five priorities being brought forward by the provinces largest health professional organizations, representing 8,600 nurses. A comprehensive joint **Nursing Matters: Election Priorities 2018** website, which includes priorities as well as supporting evidence is available at [www.nbnursingmatters.ca](http://www.nbnursingmatters.ca). Should you have questions or wish to discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate in contacting me [CONTACT INFORMATION]. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[NAME]