

## **News Release**

**To: The Prime Minister and the Premiers of Canada**

**CANADIANS CALL FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROMANOW REPORT**

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COSCO and its members are eager to strengthen Medicare. We believe that **FULL AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROMANOW REPORT** is an essential step to protect and enhance our most precious public service. Please heed the call of Canadians and work collaboratively to make sure we can count on a strong, comprehensive and publicly funded, not-for-profit health-care system -for generations to come.

You can do that by:- increasing federal funding for targeted expansion of Medicare; establishing accountability for health expenditures; stopping the spread of privatization; protecting our health-care from trade agreements; pursuing all Romanow recommendations including those on primary health-care, home care, Pharmacare, funding remote and rural communities, reducing wait times for diagnostic services and resolving health/human resources shortages.

Prime Minister and Premiers, **MEDICARE -BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF CANADA** and we are looking to you for leadership and long-term vision like never before. We want our tax dollars spent on public health care for patients, not for private profits. **PLEASE ACT NOW!**

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