

The Honourable Adriana LaGrange
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Dear Minister LaGrange,

I am writing this letter to express my enthusiastic support for the Alberta Government's commitment to invest \$6 million in expanding the Alberta Newborn Screening Program. As a parent of a child with Cytomegalovirus (CMV) in Alberta, I understand the vital importance of early detection and intervention in ensuring the health and well-being of our children. The Alberta Newborn Screening Program has been a beacon of hope for families across the province, providing critical screening services that enable early detection and intervention for a range of congenital disorders. By committing additional funding to expand this program, the government is demonstrating its dedication to the health and future of Alberta's children, especially those affected by CMV.

Cytomegalovirus is a prevalent but often overlooked health concern that can lead to severe developmental delays and disabilities in newborns. With the expansion of the Newborn Screening Program, more parents will have access to timely information and resources to help them navigate the challenges associated with CMV. This investment will undoubtedly make a significant positive impact on the lives of countless families, ensuring that affected children receive the best possible care and support from an early age. In addition to the direct benefits for families and children, this investment aligns with the broader public health initiatives aimed at reducing the burden of congenital disorders and improving overall population health. Early detection and timely interventions not only lead to improved outcomes for affected individuals but also result in potential cost savings for the healthcare system in the long run.

Once again, we extend our sincere appreciation for the Alberta Government's commitment to this vital cause. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact of the expanded Newborn Screening Program and standing alongside you in the pursuit of better health outcomes for all children in Alberta.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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