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Subject: Support the Establishment of a Master of Speech-Language Pathology Program at the University of Manitoba

MLA [Last Name],

I am writing as a resident of your constituency to ask for your support in advancing the establishment of a Master of Speech-Language Pathology (MSLP) program at the University of Manitoba.

Manitoba is currently the only province in Western Canada without its own graduate program to educate speech-language pathologists. This contributes to ongoing workforce shortages, longer wait times, and reduced access to essential speech-language services for children, adults, and seniors across our province.

Speech-language pathologists provide critical services that help Manitobans communicate, participate in school and work, recover following stroke or brain injury, swallow safely, and maintain their quality of life. However, many Manitobans continue to face delays in accessing these important services because there are not enough professionals available to meet the growing need.

Establishing a Master of Speech-Language Pathology program at the University of Manitoba would help build a sustainable workforce by training future speech-language pathologists locally and supporting the retention of graduates who understand the needs of Manitoba communities.

The University of Manitoba has developed a proposal for an MSLP program. Advancing this initiative requires collaboration and support between the University and the Government of Manitoba.

I respectfully ask you to:

- Support and advocate for the establishment of a Master of Speech-Language Pathology program at the University of Manitoba.
- Raise this issue with the Minister of Advanced Education and Training and other relevant government officials.

- Encourage collaboration between the Government of Manitoba and the University of Manitoba to advance the existing proposal.

I would appreciate knowing whether you support this initiative and what steps you will take to help ensure Manitoba can educate and retain the next generation of speech-language pathologists.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to strengthening healthcare, education, and access to essential services for Manitobans.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Email]