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Dear Ms. Parlor ,

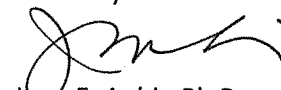
I am responding on behalf of Dr. Beaudet and myself.

We thank you once again for providing a comprehensive update in the area of ME/CFS. I can assure you that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is very aware of the recent developments in the US, in particular the release of the Institute of Medicine's report "Beyond Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Redefining an Illness". As I believe you are aware, Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy, Scientific Director of CIHR's Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA), attended the P2P Conference last December at the NIH campus, where the ME/CFS science agenda was explored in considerable detail. In turn, this has initiated a dialogue between CIHR, NIH, and CDC about how best to move ahead with the research agenda. These discussions are ongoing.

We are also aware of the importance of building research capacity in the area of ME/CFS in Canada. To this end, CIHR-IMHA funded a five year fellowship in ME/CFS last year, and other capacity building initiatives are now being considered.

We will keep you apprised of new ME/CFS research initiatives as they are developed. In the meantime, thank you for your outreach and ongoing interest.

Sincerely



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cc. Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy