



25 February, 2026

Honourable Premier Simpson  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
Submitted via email

Dear Premier:

**RE: Alberta's Bill 11, the *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2)***

Alberta's Bill 11 (passed 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2025) is a significant departure from the *Canada Health Act*. The legislation introduces two-tier service for hospital and medical care by enabling physicians to bill both the Alberta health plan, and patients directly through private-pay clinics.

As has been shown elsewhere, this practice will significantly increase wait times and costs, while reinforcing inequality of access to health care. This affects not only Albertans but may result in less access to quality health care for NWT residents. We will see increasing health costs to our government at a time when we certainly lack the capacity to absorb such costs. Furthermore, American health care insurance mega-corporations are highly interested in Canada, particularly as the ability to pay by American citizens has declined. This is also not the time to be more reliant on an American style, for profit, health care system.

Premier Simpson, we are writing with the utmost urgency to make our concerns known, and to ask that you demand in the strongest possible terms that Prime Minister Carney and Minister of Health Marjorie Michel act immediately to expose and penalize this clear violation of the Canada Health Act *before it is too late*. Such violations must be addressed early to prevent a privatized system - inefficient, costly and inequitable health care. Do not fall for any claims that 'they' will put guidelines on the private service system – these inevitably fail to hold up. Alberta receives a substantial federal transfer to support their health care coverage, and those funds should not be supporting a two-tier private health care system in Canada. Again, residents of the NWT will be amongst the first to pay the price, and we are relying on you to move quickly to address this injustice.

We would appreciate your prompt attention and response to this request.

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