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Dear Mr. Sperling:

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of April 29, 2020, regarding financial support for seniors

Please be assured that your comments, offered on behalf of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Board, have been carefully reviewed. As you may know, the matter you raise falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Deborah Schulte, Minister of Seniors. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your email to Minister Schulte for her information and consideration.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

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Re: <u>Assistance for Low-Income Seniors</u>

Dear Prime Minister, Premier and Mr. Zimmer,

On behalf of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Board, I would like to express concerns regarding the financial inability of low-income seniors to sustain themselves during COVID-19.

We are proud of the residents and businesses in the PRRD. Local businesses have changed their hours to provide segregated shopping times for seniors and those with disabilities only. Our seniors are staying at home and minimizing their grocery shopping trips, which impacts their ability to shop at several stores or shop more regularly to take advantage of the sales they so depend on due to their limited incomes. Further, our seniors are paying pharmacy dispensing fees monthly rather than once every three months as not all pharmacies are able to fill prescriptions for a full three month period.

We respectfully request your consideration of our concerns and further support low-income seniors during these challenging times.

Yours Truly,

Brad Sperling Chair

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