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President  
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Dear Ms. O'Malley and Mr. Lerner:

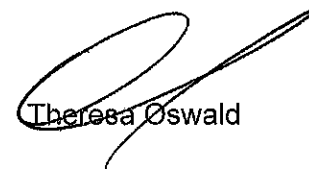
Thank you for your letter regarding the Government of Manitoba's ongoing commitment and support to help end MS. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Please be assured that the treatment and provision of care for individuals with MS continues to be a priority for our government. As you may be aware, a national registry of all people with MS, including those who have undergone treatment for chronic cerebro-spinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI), an initiative Manitoba supports, is under consideration by the federal and provincial governments. I expect that when the results of the national registry discussions are available that they will be shared with all appropriate organizations.

Both Manitoba Health (MH) and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's MS Clinic are working to ensure that no patients who have undergone treatment for CCSVI are refused appropriate follow-up care when they return to Manitoba. MH is also working with the Manitoba College of Physicians and Surgeon regarding questions or situations that may arise with respect to follow-up care.

I recognize that living with MS is stressful and life changing, not only for the people with MS but also for their families and friends. I wish all those affected by this disease continued strength as we all work toward the same goal of improving the quality of life of people with MS as quickly as possible.

Regards,



Theresa Oswald