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Mr. Stephen Fletcher, MP  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

On behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, we would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with us on March 13 to discuss issues of importance to people affected by MS across the country as outlined in the MS Society's new position papers. We very much appreciate your interest in the issues and your advice on moving them forward.

We are urging all Members of Parliament to support several immediate changes to current federal programs that will benefit Canadians affected by MS:

- Make Employment Insurance more flexible by redefining the benefit in terms of 75 days or 150 half days to allow for part-time work;
- Make the Disability Tax Credit refundable for people with disabilities;
- Allow spouses to claim the Caregiver Tax Credit – currently they are not eligible for this small credit although they are the usual primary caregivers.

We believe that the adoption of these small, but important changes will tell people affected by MS and other chronic diseases and disabilities that Parliamentarians understand and support them in their efforts to remain part of the work force and part of their communities.

Again, thank you very much for the time you spent with us. We look forward to meeting with you again at your constituency office.

Yours sincerely,

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