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The Honourable Ginette Petitpas-Taylor, PC, MP

Minister of Health of Canada
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: MSM – Policy Change

Dear Minister Petitpas-Taylor

We are writing to confirm that we have no objection to the change in the deferral policy for MSM from 12 months to 3 months.

However, we believe that all high-risk donors, regardless of sexual preference or gender should be screened and deferred based on donor behaviour.

We support strong regulations under a public model solely operated by Canadian Blood Services and Héma-Quebec.

Sincerely,

Kat Lanteigne

Executive Director

CC: Prime Minister Trudeau / Rick Theis / Canadian Blood Services / Simon Kennedy /

