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Member Organizations

- Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute
- Arthritis & Autoimmunity Research Centre
- Arthritis Community Research & Evaluation Unit
- Arthritis Consumer Experts
- Arthritis Health Professions Association
- Arthritis Research Canada
- Arthritis Patient Advisory Board of Arthritis Research Canada
- Arthritis Research Foundation
- The Arthritis Society
- Bone and Joint Canada
- Canadian Alliance of Pediatric Rheumatology Investigators
- Canadian Arthritis Patient Alliance
- Canadian Academy of Sports and Exercise Medicine
- Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
- Canadian Chiropractic Association
- Canadian Obesity Network
- Canadian Orthopaedic Association
- Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation
- Canadian Physiotherapy Association
- Canadian Rheumatology Association
- Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology
- Canadian Spondylitis Association
- Cochrane Collaboration
- Consumer Advisory Board of the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada
- Institute for Work and Health
- McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health
- Patient Partners
- Western Bone and Joint Institute

Member Companies

- Abbvie Canada
- Amgen Canada Inc.
- Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada
- Celgene Inc.
- Janssen Inc.
- Pfizer Canada Inc.

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 (Title)
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 (Address)
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Dear (insert name),

Thank you very much for taking the time to meet with me on (insert date) to discuss the difference that the federal government can make in the lives of Canadians living with arthritis.

As we discussed, The Arthritis Alliance of Canada's goal is to improve the lives of the more than 4.6 million Canadians living with arthritis. With more than 36 member organizations, the Arthritis Alliance brings together arthritis health care professionals, researchers, funding agencies, governments, voluntary sector agencies, industry and, most importantly, representatives from arthritis consumer organizations from across Canada. The Alliance provides a central focus for national arthritis-related initiatives to prevent, manage and treat one of the most burdensome chronic diseases and the leading cause of disability in Canada.

The Arthritis Alliance of Canada is asking the federal government to do more to help people living with arthritis. There are real barriers in the workplace that prevent people living with a chronic illness that limits their physical movement from contributing to their full potential which must be addressed and we are calling on the federal government to demonstrate its leadership on this issue. Secondly, we are also calling on the government to ensure that its investments in homecare provide the services people living with arthritis require to live independently, like physical or exercise therapy, assistance with bathing and meal preparation.

We would welcome the opportunity to continue the dialogue we have begun and to share more information with you in the coming months.

Again, thank you for your time and interest; we truly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,