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CLR Members,

Summary of the Prime Minister's (PM) daily address:

The PM announced that help in Canadian long term care facilities is being provided from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)

- More than 1,200 CAF members are helping in long term care facilities
- Expect this to rise by an additional 1,350 CAF members who are to be mobilized to health care facilities in Quebec next week

The PM announced a deal reached with all provinces/territories to provide a wage top-up to improve the salaries of essential health care workers in Canada. This is a joint federal, provincial and territory effort and was agreed unanimously among all provinces and territories to support Canadian health care workers with a premium to be added to their salaries. This is part of the \$4 billion committed whereby the federal government will pay 3/4 of the benefit with provinces and territories making up the remainder in their own jurisdiction. The PM said that each province has different conditions and needs so the dissemination of the wage top-up will be left to provinces and territories to decide who qualifies and receives the premium. Details are still being worked out but the PM did say that "If you are making minimum wage and working on the frontline healthcare sector, you need a raise".

When asked by reporters if the top-up will be available to essential workers that are not in the health care sector, the PM said that it will be up to the provinces to decide who gets the benefit.

The PM was asked about availability of PPE and specifically the delivery of PPE from China that was rejected by Canada officials. The PM commented that PPE is being delivered to Canada daily to meet the needs of those on the front line and more will be ordered and received. Sub-standard product has been put aside and deliveries will continue to be monitored to ensure they meet Canadian standards and expectations.

Stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

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