Dr. Gilles Lavigne  
President and Board of Directors  
Canadian Pain Society  
250 Consumers Road, Suite 301  
Toronto, Ontario, M2J 4V6  

Dear Dr. Lavigne and Members of the Board:

RE: Support for the national pain strategy and campaign

On behalf of the ILC Charitable Foundation (ILC), the Chronic Pain Association of Canada, Canadian Pain Coalition (CPC), Pain BC, Regroupement Quebecois Des Maladies Orphelines (RQMO), Association québécoise de la douleur chronique (AQDC) and the Canadian Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Foundation, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your leadership in revitalizing the goal to undertake a national pain campaign and the development of a national pain strategy (NPS). The partnership effort recently undertaken to prepare a joint submission to the Health Canada Panel on Healthcare Innovation demonstrated a shared vision for change, shared values and a willingness to leverage our collective efforts towards common strategic goals.

The purpose of this letter is to again bring together the signatories in a collective expression of support for the Canadian Pain Society (CPS) leadership in the development of the national pain campaign and strategy.

Through collaborations with the Canadian Pain Coalition (CPC), the Chronic Pain Association of Canada (CPAC), Pain BC, Association québécoise de la douleur chronique (AQDC), Regroupement Quebecois Des Maladies Orphelines (RQMO), and multiple pain groups across the country including but not limited to the Canadian Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Foundation, there is growing recognition and urgency for the need to come together as advocates for change. In this, we collectively wish to express our commitment of support to CPS with the following practical offers of support:

- form a partnership of organizations that will undertake sustainable leadership for the campaign and strategy development
- endorse collective fundraising efforts
- contribute to the development of the strategy
- enable patient/public engagement
- participate in promoting and implementing a collective and singular communications strategy
- provide advocacy support when and where required
- endorse our unified front
- attend meetings with government officials as required
- support grassroots lobbying
- support other initiatives led by CPS
We realize that bridging the enormous gaps in chronic pain management across all spectrums of care is going to take a significant amount of time and focus, collectively, under CPS' leadership.

We look forward to learning how we can help. Thank you for your leadership!

Sincerely, with kindest regards,

Jacques Laliberté  
Association québécoise de la douleur chronique (AQDC)

Rebecca Mills  
Canadian Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Foundation

Lynn Cooper  
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On behalf of the Association Quebecoise De La Douleur Chronique, we are pleased to offer support for the National Pain Strategy.

Jacques Laliberte
Association Quebecoise De La Douleur Chronique
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Rebecca Mills
Canadian Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Foundation
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On behalf of The Canadian Pain Coalition, we are pleased to offer support for the National Pain Strategy.

Lynn Cooper
The Canadian Pain Coalition
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