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Mr. John Gilmour, CEO
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Dear Mr. Gilmour,

I am writing to extend the support from McMaster University to Canada HealthLabs.

McMaster University is one of Canada's most research-intensive universities, and consistently ranks in the top 100 universities in the world. It is composed of six Faculties that are home to approximately 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

COVID-19 greatly impacted the university, when in March the university made the decision to complete the Winter 2020 semester on-line and sent all but essential workers home. The entirety of the 2020-2021 school year will occur remotely, with limited research activity taking place on campus, due to current public health and provincial guidelines on physical distancing. These changes have had a significant impact on our students, faculty and staff, financially, socially and from a mental health perspective.

We support the creation of a national network of fast, readily accessible PCR tests using self-collected samples. I also appreciate that while your solution is to be created outside the health care system it uses the same tests at the same quality as health care and, in an emergency, could also be used for health care purposes.

We are pleased to endorse Canada HealthLabs to the Government of Canada and will use its network to provide Reassurance Testing as required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Auliosman".

Dr. Karen Mossman
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