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Dear Mr. U and Mr. MacLeod:

The Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres is a recognized leader and advocate for advancing the improvement of healthcare for Canada's children and youth. In this capacity we offer our strong endorsement of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Bar Coding Project and support the work of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada, the Canadian Patient Safety Institute, and all partners.

With the objective of increasing medication safety for Canada's children and youth, we endorse the Joint Technical Statement on Pharmaceutical Automated Identification and Product Database Requirements.

Consistent with its strategic priorities CAPHC supports:

- The collaborative approach being taken across six Canadian health sectors to ensure an impact on medication safety across both institution and community care;
- The adoption of a single Canadian standard for Automated Identification of medications; and
- The establishment of a transparent medication flow chain.

This project aligns with CAPHC's mission to support member and partner organizations through education, research, and quality improvement initiatives to improve health service delivery for Canadian children and youth. CAPHC will continue to share the progress of this initiative with our member organizations and the greater CAPHC community through presentation opportunities and our Knowledge Exchange Network.

Sincerely,

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