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The Honourable François Philippe Champagne  
Minister of Finance  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Minister Champagne,

I am writing to express my support for Breakthrough T1D Canada's proposal for a federal investment of 62 million dollars over five years to establish the [Breakthrough T1D Network for Canada](#), as presented in its [pre-budget submission](#) for Budget 2026.

Canada is at a pivotal moment in regenerative medicine. Cell and gene therapies are rapidly advancing toward clinical use, and jurisdictions that act now are well positioned to attract clinical trials, talent, and investment. While Canada has world-class expertise, particularly in type 1 diabetes, it currently lacks a coordinated pan-Canadian mechanism to effectively translate these advances into therapies that benefit Canadians and generate long-term economic value.

Type 1 diabetes is among the diseases closest to a curative breakthrough, with several therapies already in clinical trials or nearing that stage at Canadian sites. The proposed Network represents a pragmatic, federally anchored public-private partnership that would coordinate clinical trials, manufacturing readiness, regulatory pathways, and commercialization, without creating a new institute or bureaucratic structure.

The requested federal investment would leverage significant matching funds from Breakthrough T1D and its partners, anchor a 100 million dollar initiative, and generate tangible outcomes within five years. These include an increased number of clinical trials in Canada, retention of intellectual property, creation of highly skilled jobs, and long-term reductions in health care costs.

Canada was the birthplace of insulin. This initiative presents a rare opportunity to reclaim a leadership role in innovative medicine, this time while retaining both the health and economic benefits within Canada. I encourage you to give this proposal careful consideration as part of the development of Budget 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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