

October 22, 2018

MP John Oliver
Member of Parliament
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Oliver,

RE: Thank you for contributing to National Infection Prevention and Control Week.

I am writing on behalf of Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada) to thank you for taking the opportunity to inform the House of Commons of National Infection Control Week (NICW). This national day of recognition is important to the nurses, physicians, microbiologists, epidemiologists and many other healthcare providers that work in our hospitals and communities. NICW is an opportunity to share the importance of and promote the clinical and cost benefits of supporting infection prevention and control practices.

Your member statement will not only inform the public of the importance of infection prevention and control professional's (ICP) responsibility to healthcare but also promote that we all have a responsibility to contribute to the prevention and control of infections across Canada—there are no borders across the continuum of care. Throughout the world, all countries have a responsibility to support a safe healthcare environment. This includes antibiotic stewardship plans and involvement in global responses to emerging diseases or outbreaks. Antimicrobial resistance itself is a growing global concern that has negatively impacted the lives of many. Presenting NICW to the House of Commons is an essential step in Infection prevention and control. We are very grateful for your support and thank you for making us a priority.

We hope the continued public education and recognition for ICPs work will help support creating a national surveillance system to help Canadian infection prevention and control professionals, and other healthcare practitioners, as well as the federal and provincial governments, combat antimicrobial resistance.

Sincerely,



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