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Hon. Carolyn Bennett Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0A6 mhaminister.ministresmd@hc-sc.gc.ca

Dear Minister Bennett,

I am grateful to know that we have a current Federal G

did know, they would decrease their consumption. Further evidence shows that stronger alcohol policies result in decreased cancers downstream (Naimi, 2019).

Canadians are substantially higher than global average consumers of alcohol and consumption has increased during the pandemic. Many people continue to think alcohol is good for their heart-health due to industry misdirection. To the contrary, alcohol increases risk of atrial fibrillation, hypertension and cardiomyopathy.

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