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Dear Family Medicine Residents across British Columbia

I have the privilege of working with many of you through my various roles at UBC, but I wanted to take the opportunity during this Resident Doctors Appreciation Week to express my gratitude to each and every one of you.

At a time when our health care system is struggling, and family physicians are calling out for support, you have stepped up. By choosing the unique speciality of family medicine, you are fundamental to fixing the foundations of our health system - individually and collectively. This takes patience, resilience, dedication and compassion - all of which you have in abundance.

Moreover, I want to acknowledge the sacrifices you make as residents - the long hours, the rigorous training, and the personal commitments you put aside in pursuit of becoming a family physician.

Please know that you are deeply valued and appreciated by your peers, colleagues and patients.

As you continue on your journey in family medicine, please remember to take care of yourselves as well. Your well-being is just as important as the care you provide to others, and I encourage you to prioritize your own health and happiness along the way.

My door is always open.

With warmest regards and deepest appreciation,

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