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Dear Alan,

I was surprised and dismayed to hear of your decision to resign as President of CIHR this coming October. Needless to say, this was a shock, as it was unexpected. I am sorry that we will lose a strong and dedicated leader and advocate for Health Research and Health Research Policy in Canada. On behalf of my colleagues, you should know how important your work has been and what a stellar job you have done since the inception of CIHR in 2000.

Having participated in CIHR-related activities since its creation, I have enjoyed seeing the extraordinary development and successes of CIHR over the years. In guiding its development, you have demonstrated the highest principles of integrity, sincerity and commitment to the well-being of the Health Research community in Canada. You have done an extraordinary job that will be difficult to match by any successor for a multitude of reasons.

Friends of CIHR has enjoyed your support in a variety of collaborative Symposia and Conferences and your administrative staff have been accessible and encouraging in all our activities. I certainly hope that this can continue under new guidance in the evolving mandate of CIHR, as new structures and new goals are promulgated from higher up.

From our point of view, you are deserving of the highest praise for your industry, encouragement and creative administrative efforts. As you leave CIHR, you can rest assured that you will be remembered positively by Friends of CIHR. I hope you will remain in the Health Sciences brotherhood so we might be able to call on you for your wise council when the time comes.

We take great pride in being affiliated with CIHR and hope that we can continue to promote CIHR to the wider public and help maintain the goals and ideals that you so ably articulated. There is no doubt in our minds that you will hold a prominent place in the history of CIHR and you will certainly be seen as one of the greats in Science policy and Health Research in Canada.

I look forward to an opportunity to wish you well in person and to share a toast to your good health and future success.

Please keep in touch.

With Best Personal Regards,

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President of Friends of CIHR

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