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To whom it may concern

**Re: Senate Select Committee on Men's Health**

Can I encourage you to proceed with the formation of a Senate led committee on men's health. I believe that men's health issues have been seriously overlooked for many years, and that it is as equally an appropriate issue to address as women's health issues.

I believe that we need a health policy that looks at men's medical condition, service delivery, nutrition and exercise issues, however it needs to examine the broader issues also: the social determinants of men's health.

We need to acknowledge the lack of good male role models, and create better examples for boys so that they will naturally develop healthier lifestyles.

There is a need for marriage and relationship training, and a need for a reformation in our legal system at every level when it comes to the overt discrimination that men experience within the system

Thank you for embarking on pursuing this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Ross Stewart