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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Thank you for your terrific support for [Bill C-213, the Canada Pharmacare Act](#). As you may have heard, the Bill was brought to a second-reading vote on February 24th, and was defeated by a majority of MPs. No other legislation on public, universal Pharmacare is before Parliament.

We are profoundly disappointed that [Liberal and Conservative MPs voted against this bill](#) that lays out the path to establishing a universal, comprehensive and public Pharmacare plan. With millions of Canadians having lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a universal public Pharmacare program is needed now more than ever.

Tragically, the rejection of the Canada Pharmacare Act will have devastating effects on the hopes of millions of Canadians who are making impossible choices every day because they can't afford their prescription medication. MPs who voted no on Bill C-213 were rejecting:

1. Public and universal Pharmacare being included under the Canada Health Act framework.
2. The clear recommendations made by the Hoskins' report to establish with provincial governments a universal, public Pharmacare program.
3. The Liberal Party's 2019 election promise committing to universal Pharmacare.

That said, our fight for equality and justice is not over. We will continue to hold the Liberal government and all MPs who voted against it accountable for rejecting C-213. We will keep fighting for public and universal Pharmacare for all Canadians.

Thank you again to the many mayors and councils who endorsed the bill, representing over 100 municipalities, for their advocacy on Bill C-213. This endorsement makes a real impact on moving towards universal Pharmacare.

Here is a link where you can find out how your MPs voted:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en/votes/43/2/57>

Stay healthy and safe during these difficult times,

MPs Peter Julian, Don Davies & Jenny Kwan