



Province of Manitoba

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Via email: info@mcsw.ca

Dear Jennifer Meixner and Barbara (Barb) Temmerman:

Thank you for your letter dated March 31, 2026. I wanted to respond regarding the comments made recently about mental health care.

I would like to apologize to Manitoba's social work professionals. I was recently made aware they are included as mental health workers, according to the Canadian Mental Health Association. I apologize for this inadvertent error.

Social workers do incredibly important work across Manitoba. They are highly trained professionals, and they are often on the front lines supporting people in difficult moments. My comments didn't reflect that, and I regret that. My focus is on making sure Manitobans have access to the full range of mental health supports they need, especially in times of crisis.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Manitoba College of Social Workers. Please contact my office at OppositionLeader@strongermanitoba.ca to arrange a meeting at your convenience.

I appreciate the work that social workers do every day for individuals, families, and communities across our province.

Sincerely,

Obby Khan, MLA
Leader of the Official Opposition