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Tara Clemett, C.P.A, C.A, C.I.S.A.
Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan
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Dear Ms. Clemett:

I write to you today to request a special investigation pursuant to Section 13 of *The Provincial Auditor Act* to investigate ongoing and growing concerns about the impact of alleged political interference into hiring processes into the senior leadership ranks of the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).

For weeks, the SHA has had no permanent hire in the two highest executive leadership positions - CEO and Chief Operating Officer. While these along with other senior leadership positions remain unfilled, a new executive role, Vice President - Enterprise Initiatives Support, has been created and filled. It has been reported that these efforts contributed to the sudden departure of the SHA's former CEO, Scott Livingstone. This raises many questions about the process that was undertaken to create this new Vice President position, and the level of oversight the SHA Board of Directors and CEO played in creating this new role.

Concern of leadership and governance at the SHA are both an important and urgent matter. We believe a special report from the Auditor is necessary to ensure that public resources are used appropriately and with necessary oversight at the SHA, especially during the ongoing public health crisis.

The NDP Opposition believes that your office is best suited to answer whether the provincial government exercised undue influence over the leadership and direction of the Saskatchewan Health Authority, as well as if recent turnovers, vacancies, and appointments of the SHA's board and leadership are detrimental to service delivery.

In your December 8, 2021 briefing, you shared that your office plans to pursue investigation at the SHA related to the ongoing pandemic. As such, we hope this request is well received and will compliment that work.

Sincerely,

Vicki Mowat, MLA
Saskatoon Fairview Constituency
Official Opposition Critic for Health