



**Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing**  
**Association canadienne des écoles de sciences infirmières**

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Dear Journalists and Editors,

Dr. Carole Orchard, the president of the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) and Director of the School of Nursing at the University of Western Ontario, is available for comment on the \$41-billion deal reached between the PM and the provinces.

It is CASN's position that without an adequate, well-educated and well-prepared supply of nurses — and enough teachers to teach the growing numbers of nurses needed to fill the gaps — further investments in the healthcare system will fail to meet the needs of Canadians.

The Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing is the national voice of nursing education, research and scholarship, representing 91 schools across Canada. CASN is also the official accrediting agency for university nursing programs in Canada.

Please don't hesitate to give me a call at my co-ordinates below to set something up.

Best,

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