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Response

We thank the signatories for sharing their thoughtful, respectful, and well-articulated argument.

We also thank them for acknowledging the College of Family Physicians of Canada's actions to address climate change and environmental health. Indeed, one of the letter's signatories is a member of our Environmental Health Resource Group and we will benefit from his wise counsel.

To date, Scotiabank has been a valuable supporter of family medicine. As the letter writers point out, in the past 20 years, Scotiabank has contributed more than \$5 million to a range of activities including medical student scholarships, continuing professional development grants, patient education and prevention initiatives, and a variety of awards and benefits for family physicians, particularly those at the beginning of their careers.

We recognize that banks rely on a multitude of investments and that not all of our members will agree with some of the investment directions. However, given the above, we do think that family medicine, especially young family doctors, have benefitted greatly from Scotiabank's support.

We believe that other organizations, such as the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, are better positioned to focus on and advocate for environmental issues.

Where we have a mandate, the College of Family Physicians of Canada will continue to speak on behalf of its members with respect to environmental issues.

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Competing interests

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I thank the College of Family Physicians of Canada President, Dr David White, for his thoughtful message in the February 2017 issue.¹ In discussing the "delicate