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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter enclosing the final form of the document A Shared Vision for Australia's health system: Principles agreed to by the Government and the Australian Medical Association (AMA).

I appreciate the open and transparent approach you have taken in working with the AMA to agree a set of principles that we believe are essential to quality health care, and which underpin the Government's investment in health in the 2017-2018 Federal Budget.

I look forward to continuing to work with you constructively and in the same spirit of cooperation to tackle other important areas of health policy such as mental health, funding of public hospitals, Indigenous health, private health insurance and outcomes from the MBS Review. It is only through committed engagement with the medical profession that the government will be able to deliver on good health policy.

The AMA will liaise with your office over the coming days to finalise the communication strategy and messaging regarding the shared vision document.

Yours sincerely

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