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I'm writing today on behalf of [Speech-Language & Audiology Canada \(SAC\)](#), the only national organization passionately representing [speech-language pathologists](#), [audiologists](#), and [communication health assistants](#). We champion the needs of people with communication, swallowing, hearing, and balance disorders. SAC advocates for communication as a basic human right and the need for appropriate access to speech-language pathology and audiology services across Canada.

We would like to commend the Government of Saskatchewan on its efforts to advance equity and accessibility through its recently released [2024-2027 Accessibility Plan](#). At the same time, we'd like to draw attention to a critical gap in the current plan: the absence of a specific reference to the accessibility needs of individuals with communication challenges. Disabilities that affect one's communication can pose substantial barriers to everyday life. Without recognition and dedicated support, people with communication challenges are at risk of being excluded from public services, education, health care, employment, and community engagement.

[Communication accessibility](#) is fundamental in all settings. It means ensuring that information is presented in ways that can be understood, that people can communicate in the way that works for them in any setting, that service providers are trained in effective communication strategies, and that [policies acknowledge the unique experiences of those with communication disorders](#).

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your team to share expertise and resources that could strengthen Saskatchewan's leadership in communication accessibility.

Sincerely,

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