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Dear Prof. Lehmann,

I am writing to extend sincere condolences to you and your colleagues on the untimely death of your beloved colleague and friend, Prof. David Sanders.

As President of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), I can tell you that there was an incredible outpouring from many members of my staff who had the pleasure of working with Prof. Sanders and spoke highly of his leadership, his scholarship and his humor. He was also deeply respected and admired for his unwavering commitment to promoting youth voices and emerging leaders, networking and shared learning.

This was no more evident than in his recent work to provide evidence of citizens' achievements towards the Alma Ata Declaration's goal of Health for All and motivate young leaders on issues of global health equity, which was supported by an IDRC grant awarded to the People's Health Movement (PHM), the organization he co-founded.

A public intellectual and humanitarian, his activism and leadership in public health and social justice issues will continue to inspire. Beyond his immense contributions in global public health, his legacy for IDRC lies also in his intellectual contribution towards shaping several IDRC programs focused on strengthening health system and health equity, including, *Governance, Equity and Health*, and most recently research on the drivers of the obesogenic urban food environment.

The truly great cast long shadows and are remembered long after their passing. On behalf of all us at IDRC who had the privilege of knowing and working with him, we share in your profound loss.

Sincerely,



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