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ment has to get out of everything because government restrains and restricts the individual. We have to let the benefits trickle down, when of course usually they dry up.

I would argue that if there is one particular field where we need expanded government participation in, it is co-operation at all levels between the federal and the provincial governments in health care. It is an old cliché I suppose about an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. I think we need a revolution in health care in Canada.

Let us start at the community level. Let us start there rather than what many people have written about in our country, that we have put a heavier emphasis, if you like, in terms of technology and equipment and large buildings, that we have been top heavy in terms of our approach to health care in Canada. I am not an expert on this matter. I usually prefer to stand up and talk about trees, fish and VIA Rail. Nevertheless, it is an important initiative to talk about health care in this country because it is one that in the end is going to affect us all.

The motion that is presented today by the member from Winnipeg is an important one because as I argued, if there is a way now or a greater room for participation by government, I would say it is to work at all levels on the health care field and most importantly, to work with the schools. We know it is going to be some years from now, when who knows what happens in some years, when they see ourselves or children with the vaccination mark. People will wonder what that was. It is how we have evolved and changed.

I think if we are going to start developing a health care policy, we have to go beyond just a debate about transfer payments and funds. We have to talk and work with the provinces who obviously have the major responsibility for the delivery of health care. We have to work with the school districts and other areas as well to ensure that a comprehensive health care policy is developed. In that way we can ensure that national standards are there.

I am not one, like the Government of British Columbia, and some provincial governments across the country, to sort of piecemeal take apart our health care system.

What Canadians call upon this Parliament to do is to guarantee some degree of accessibility so that those services are available to all Canadians, no matter where they live. Again, I approach this because I think health care is one of those basics, one of the pillars of this country that we are talking about and is also one of the foundations of just a better nation of people.

That means that even Prince George in my riding has had to battle, if you like, with the provincial government in trying to get a cancer clinic located in Prince George. Yet what does the B.C. government do? It expands or builds new facilities, if you can believe that, in Kelowna and Kamloops, arguing about geography and what have you.

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There is a clear example where a provincial government has made a decision like that. Unfortunately, in this case it is a bad decision. I am also reminded by the many community health clinics that approach me and talk about how difficult it is to attract professionals to stay in their communities.

I am sure I am not alone. Many members have smaller, rural communities in their ridings. The community clinic, Belmont in my riding for example, advertises in the newspapers in the U.K. to try to get doctors to come there. I do not know what kind of newspapers. It is trying to promote and bring professionals like that to our communities.

We produce some nice pamphlets with snowmobiles on them. We used to have a northern tax allowance in some parts of the country to try to encourage people to come to those parts of British Columbia.

Again, without dragging it out, accessibility is an important question not just in terms of across the border of the province with the United States in the band of the major population as we know it, but also in the distance that is growing in many areas between the urban and rural communities, often within provinces themselves.

Also, I would argue strongly. I think there is a role for the federal government and this Parliament to use its spending clout. That is what it is all about. Mr. Speaker, you know that. When the federal government sits down