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The Hon. George Smitherman, MPP
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
10th Floor – Hepburn Block
80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Re: Community Health Centre (“CHC”) Program for Francophones in Peel and Halton

Dear Mr. Smitherman:

I am writing to provide my support for CHC funding to the French-speaking residents of my riding.

As you may know the Regional Municipality of Peel is a designated area under the *French Language Services Act*. However, there is no French-language institution offering primary health care in the Region.

I have met with the *Centre de services de santé – Peel et Halton (CSSPH)*, formerly *Centre francophone de santé communautaire de Mississauga*, who have applied to the Ministry for funding since 1988. I have been informed that the CSSPH will soon be submitting a revised proposal to the Community Health Centre (CHC) Program.

I believe that, where it is warranted within a designated area under the *French Language Services Act*, French-language services should be made available

The Francophone population is significant and your attention is appreciated to consider program funding in Peel and Halton.

Yours truly,

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cc Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs
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