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The Hon. George Smitherman, MPP
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
80 Grosvenor St, 11th Floor, Hepburn Block
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Dear Minister:

It has recently been brought to my attention that a lack of French-language health care institutions in Peel, Mississauga and Brampton is a concern for many area residents. This affects Wellington—Halton Hills, part of which overlaps the Regional Municipality of Halton.

I'm aware that Francophones, through the *Centre de services de santé – Peel et Halton (CSSPH)*, formerly the *Centre francophone de santé communautaire de Mississauga*, have been requesting a Community Health Centre (CHC) since 1988. I have also been informed that the CSSPH will be submitting a revised proposal to better serve area Francophone residents.

The Province of Ontario has an obligation to ensure the availability of French-language services where numbers warrant and where designated under the French Language Services Act.

For the sake of the growing French-speaking population depending on these services, I would encourage you to carefully consider funding this proposal for a CHC. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

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