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The Hon. George Smitherman,
Minister of Health and Long Term Care
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Dear Minister Smitherman:

I would like to bring an important issue to your attention for my riding and particularly the French-speaking residents of my riding.

My riding is in the Regional Municipality of Peel where two cities, Mississauga and Brampton, have been designated areas under the *French Language Services Act*.

Unfortunately, there is no French-language institution offering primary health care in French within the Region. This is in spite of the fact that the Francophones, through the Centre francophone de sante communautaire de Mississauga (CFSCM), have been requesting such an institution since 1988.

I believe our government has an obligation to ensure that, where the numbers warrant and where designations have been made under the *French Language Services Act*, French-language services are available.

More than a year has passed since the CFSCM has reapplied to your Ministry's Community Health Branch for funding for a Community Health Care (CHC) satellite in Mississauga of the Centre francophone de Toronto. This proposed satellite centre will serve residents in my riding as well as others in the area.

Minister, there simply is no other French-language primary health care institutions in our area. The Francophone population is growing quickly, and there is a need for these vital services.

Yours truly,

Tim Peterson, MPP
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