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Honourable George Smitherman, MPP  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor - Hepburn Block  
80 Grosvenor Street

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 santé 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 reappplied 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.

I am asking that serious consideration be given to this important issue and that you move quickly to approve funding for the CHC satellite in Mississauga.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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