

To: The Hon. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
CC: Drew Dilkens, Mayor, City of Windsor
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Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Dear Minister Hoskins,

During the past several weeks, you have heard from many residents of the Windsor-Essex region regarding the plans to move forward with a bold new vision for hospital care for the region and the Erie St Clair LHIN.

You have heard from the local City of Windsor and Essex County political leaders regarding their commitment in principle for the local financial share of the project.

You have heard from the local MPPs, the Mayor, and the Warden, who stood together, with a united voice saying #WEareready.

We know you have also heard from the Board of the Erie St Clair LHIN sending a strong endorsement for the overall process and results of that process. In addition, most recently, we know you heard from the Medical Advisory Committee of Windsor Regional Hospital stating the Windsor-Essex community deserves nothing less than the project as proposed.

As medical students studying at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry – Windsor Campus, we want you to hear our voice as well.

During the past three years significant preliminary planning has been undertaken to make this vision a reality. The planning involved one of our fellow classmates, Mason Leschyna, on the site selection committee. To place a future medical leader on the committee demonstrated the commitment of Windsor Regional Hospital's Program and Services Steering Committee to ensure the process was inclusive and took into account the future of Windsor-Essex hospital care. The planning process is now at a crucial point. It is time to advance the project to Stage 2 of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's capital planning process.

As medical students we have attended the local hospitals. We have seen first-hand that the existing hospital infrastructure is decades old and insufficient to meet the needs of the Windsor community in the near future. The facilities have not kept pace with advances in design and

technology. They fall well below a standard that now exists in hospitals across Ontario that have benefited from new capital investments throughout the past decade.

As future members of the medical community, we support the new vision that is before you and look forward to working together to ensure it becomes reality. You can help to get this project to Stage 2 of the planning process now and ensure that quality health care is available to all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

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