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Dear Minister:

I am a health care consumer, citizen and taxpayer. I am a voter.

I am writing to inform you of the urgent need for improved hospital funding to properly compensate the staff we all depend on, and without whom the hospitals couldn't function.

I am writing in support of the OPSEU hospital professionals who are such an essential part of the health care team in our local hospital. They work with patients both directly and behind the scenes, and provide important rehabilitative and diagnostic and therapeutic services to patients and families in need of care. They are MRI and CT Technologists, Mammography Technologists, EEG Technicians, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, X-Ray and Lab Technologists, Social Workers, Pharmacists, Psychologists and Respiratory Therapists and other key professionals, without whom the system would fall apart.

We need these services in our local hospital, or people will not get the care they need, when they need it. We've already seen gaps in service in our community due to extreme staff shortages. More staff shortages will be devastating for people needing care.

Unless conditions improve, more professionals will leave, and we will be unable to recruit and retain new people. Our hospitals will be faced with more shortages, and our communities will face further reduced service.

We must do all we can to keep our health science professionals in our community. Please be a part of the solution. Provide the proper funding and support to our public hospitals so they can provide the diagnostic and rehabilitative care that people need, through a contract that improves wages and working conditions for our hospital professionals.

Sincerely,

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