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Monsieur Gaétan Barrette
Ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux
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RE: Bringing Lower Laurentians Health Care Funding Up To Quebec Average

Dear Minister Barrette

I am writing to request that you correct the unfair underfunding of health care in the Lower Laurentians and that you bring the region's health care funding up to the Quebec average.

The Lower Laurentians receive less than 50% health care funding per person compared with the Quebec average per person. More than 60% of residents need to leave the region to obtain health care, and they still receive less medical care than the Quebec average. Furthermore, our region's population, especially the proportion of senior citizens, continues to expand at a much faster rate than elsewhere in the province. This is dangerous and unacceptable and we are tired of being treated like Quebec health care's 'neglected children.'

This funding problem has grown as successive provincial governments have ignored it. The crisis is deepening and we need to solve it now. We are counting on you to create equity in health care throughout Quebec, so that the people of the Lower Laurentians will no longer be Quebec health care's 'neglected children.'

Please acknowledge receipt of this message and notify me regarding your actions to solve this problem.

Sincerely yours

Signature _____

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