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Mr. Karl Straky Sr.
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Dear Mr. Starky:

Thank you for your email regarding your family's support for the new Windsor-Essex hospital. I appreciate the opportunity to respond and give you an update.

I'd like to begin by offering my deep condolences on the death of your loved one.

The government remains committed to making capital investments across the health care sector. The government will continue to assess needs based on sound fiscal planning, guided by its priorities for the health care system.

This proposed project is still in the early stages of planning. It is in the first stage of several planning related activities whereby a hospital defines the programs and services for the community and identifies potential physical solutions. I am sure you can appreciate that it is important to get this stage right, as it will affect the Windsor-Essex community for years to come.

As such, the ministry continues to work with the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Windsor Regional Hospital and Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare to advance planning for the proposed new acute care facility.

I thank your for sharing your family's experience and your recommendations to improve and strengthen Ontario's healthcare system. Once again, I am truly sorry for your loss.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Hoskins".

Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister