

February 11, 2022

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Minister of Finance  
c/o Budget Secretariat  
Frost Building North, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
95 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z1

RE: Ontario 2022 Budget Consultations –  
"Share your ideas to help build the 2022 Ontario Budget and our provinces future"  
The Windsor-Essex Hospitals System Plan Project

Dear Honourable Bethlenfalvy:

My name is William C. Smith and I am writing today on behalf of Citizens for Healthcare Windsor- Essex, a community based organization representing over 1000 local citizens who have come together in support of better healthcare for our region. We have been involved in the new Windsor-Essex Hospital planning process since 2016 working closely with all key local and provincial decision makers in support of the development and construction of these new healthcare facilities.

We thank you for this opportunity to participate in the Ontario 2022 Budget Consultation process and for your government's recent commitment and funding of \$9.8 Million for Stage 2 & 3 work on our Windsor-Essex Hospital Systems Plan to begin. Building a strong and healthy future for our province is based on having modern state of the art healthcare systems and procedures for our citizens in need.

As you are well aware of the dreadful effect the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on our entire population and the extreme pressures that have been put on our outdated healthcare system and frontline healthcare staff. We need the on-going support of the Provincial Government to ensure that our regions hospital systems plan continues to move forward.

As Premier Doug recently stated while in Windsor, "We are going to make this Hospital happen." That being said, we are very concerned with the most recent Ontario Infrastructure January 2022 P3 Market Update report listing our project with no defined RFQ date which would definitely delay the completion of our Hospital Project that needs to change.

To achieve this goal, it is our official request in this Budget, to have the support of the Provincial Government to establish the funding plan to continue moving this project forward with a firm RFQ date and completion date by 2028.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to participate in the 2022 budget deliberation, and we look forward to your continued support of our Project.

Sincerely, On behalf of Citizens for Healthcare



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