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Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP
Sarnia Lambton Riding
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Re: Rural Healthcare under review at Bluewater Health CEE site, Petrolia

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I have been asked to write you by our Board of Directors. The Chamber Board would like you to do everything that you can to ensure rural healthcare does not erode in Lambton County. The proposed CEE site ER change outlined in the Hay Report has potential to create a domino affect on healthcare that would make much of Lambton County communities unsustainable.

Our Chamber of Commerce started the Sarnia Lambton Healthcare Worker Recruitment Taskforce in 2001. Why? Without good primary healthcare our communities are not economically or socially competitive. We may lose important primary care physicians without well featured rural hospitals to work at and maintain their secondary healthcare skills.

In short, the Chamber of Commerce believes that the Hay Report must be closely reviewed to ensure Lambton County rural communities remain sustainable with readily accessible primary and secondary healthcare.

We would be pleased to provide you and the community additional business input where required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garry McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Garry McDonald
President

c.c. L. McDermott, Chair
J. Burns, Warden, Lambton County