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Warden Ostrander & Northumberland County Councillors c/o County Clerk Northumberland County Headquarters 555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6

Dear Warden Ostrander, Brown,

I recently learned of Northumberland County's decision to terminate the 5-year commitment of funds to Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) with over two years left on the agreement. This decision, made without consultation with NHH and the broader Ontario Health Team-Northumberland (OHT-N) is disappointing.

I recognize primary health care needs in Northumberland County and beyond; but submit that these needs will only be meaningfully addressed through collaborative engagement with the primary care community, hospital and broader OHT-N partners.

The abrupt withdrawal of support and lack of prior discussion with NHH contradicts the commitment to collaboration, communication and engagement. I would strongly urge council to reconsider this decision and at the very least have an in-person discussion with NHH leadership to explore solutions that will uphold our shared commitment to a strong healthcare system in Northumberland.

Sincerely.

David Piccini

Member of Provincial Parliament

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