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Hon. Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Main Legislative Building,
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Dear Mr. McGuinty:

I am writing today to express my concern that a delay to start of construction of the new Oakville hospital is an indication that the major expansion to Milton's hospital might also be delayed.

Given that the province's Places to Grow legislation is behind much of Milton's growth and the province is responsible for providing adequate health care, can you provide me with your assurances that Milton residents will not have to wait for their hospital expansion and will receive the same access to health care services as other Ontarians?

Mr. Premier, you must co-ordinate with Minister of Health David Caplan and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure George Smitherman as the Ministers directly responsible for ensuring that Milton residents receive the same access to health care that is available to all Ontarians.

Milton's hospital was built to service a population of 30,000 people and now serves more than 70,000 people. The hospital expansion has been slated for completion in 2014, when by which time Milton's population is projected to be 101,500.

The provincial government is responsible for providing adequate health services. In Milton it is failing.

Premier McGuinty you must instruct your Ministers to do the right thing and fulfill their responsibilities by not backsliding on the current timeline for Milton's hospital expansion and if possible moving to complete the Milton expansion more quickly.

Sincerely,

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