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The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
80 Grosvenor Street  
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Dear Minister Hoskins:

The Board of Directors of the Alzheimer Society of Windsor and Essex County strongly support the proposal to build a new state-of-the-art acute care hospital in our region. Not only will it provide the residents of Windsor and Essex County with improved health care services for years to come, this single-site facility will give us the opportunity to expand and integrate services at two other sites in the city.

It is clear to us that the two current campuses of Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) do not meet the modern specifications required to provide maximum levels of patient safety, privacy and dignity. But with your commitment to move to Phase 2 of the \$2-billion plan presented in July of 2015, our community will be one step closer to providing improved medical services for the more than 400,000 citizens living in Windsor and Essex County.

A new acute care hospital will create a domino effect. It will allow the current Ouellette campus of WRH to be rebuilt so it can offer much-needed outpatient mental health and chronic pain management services from its downtown location. It will lead to the creation of a new urgent care centre where the stately Grace Hospital once stood. In short, it will give the people of this region the level of health care they deserve, and that includes people with dementias and their caregivers.

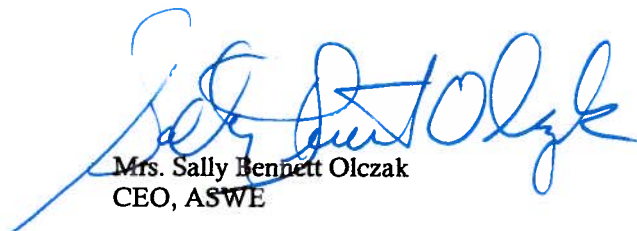
The MPs, MPPs and municipal leaders of Windsor and Essex County are steadfast in their support of the proposal to bring our health care into the 21st century, and so are the residents. As a community, we are united and eager to do whatever it takes to make this happen.

Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Alzheimer Society of Windsor and Essex County unanimously and respectfully asks, Minister Hoskins, that you consider our request to expedite the process and allow our hospital leaders to move to Phase 2 of this exciting and worthwhile project.

Sincerely,



Mr. Patrick Soulliere  
Board Chair, ASWE



Mrs. Sally Bennett Olczak  
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