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Hon. Chris d'Entremont
Minister of Health
1660 Hollis Street, 4th floor
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Dear Minister:

You will recall that in early July I spoke with you in the Legislature concerning the future of The Glades Lodge, a long-term care facility in my constituency.

It is acknowledged by all concerned that The Glades needs either very extensive renovation, or replacement with a new building. A study commissioned by your department in 2005 confirms that the existing building's best days are behind it. All of the building's systems are at, or past, their useful lives.

When you and I spoke, I expressed my concern that The Glades' owners cannot seem to get a concrete answer from your department about whether renovation or replacement will be authorized. This waiting has been going for a very long time – too long. Most recently, they were told there would be answer in the spring; then they were told it would be after the election. The election is now three months behind us, and still there is no answer.

Although we recognize that more than one option is available, the ideal solution for all concerned would be construction of a new building on property adjoining the existing building. But the process of acquiring the land cannot happen until your department gives an answer.

The residents, the residents' families, the staff, and the owners all deserve an answer, and they deserve it soon. It is terribly frustrating for all concerned to have no answer, and no idea when they might get an answer, and no idea why it is taking so long to get an answer.

Yours sincerely,

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