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Dr. Gaétan Barrette  
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**Subject: Bill n°10 - An Act to modify the organization and governance of the health and social services network, in particular by abolishing the regional agencies**

Dear Dr. Barrette,

The Quebec Art Company is a non-profit English community theatre company in Quebec City. Since its creation in 1981, it has produced over 50 shows ranging from popular musicals to classical plays. The fate of Jeffery Hale – Saint Brigid's is of deep concern to us. Our members and audiences are composed of English-speaking people, both locally born, and immigrants who regularly benefit from the hospital's competent and caring English services.

We have developed a real sense of partnership and solidarity over the years with this 150 year-old community institution. Every year, Jeffery Hale – Saint Brigid's organizes a volunteer appreciation evening. As part of this evening, our theatre troupe proudly devotes a private performance as thanks to the Jeffery-Hale volunteers for their much-appreciated work. This is just one example that demonstrates how Jeffery Hale – Saint Brigid's is governed and managed by passionate members of the community who want to give back. This relationship also demonstrates why, in turn, the community feels very strongly about this issue that is so close to its collective heart.

If Bill 10 is passed in its present form, Jeffery Hale – Saint Brigid's board of directors will be eliminated. Because of the uniqueness of this special community, we strongly doubt those not connected and involved could fill its leadership role in providing innovative, efficient, culturally and linguistically-appropriate services to the English-speaking community.

We thank you in advance for taking the time consider our point of view. We hope for a solution that will permit Jeffery Hale – Saint Brigid's to maintain its community-governed board of directors, thus allowing it to continue its mission of offering quality, safe and compassionate health and social services to both English and French-speaking people alike.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Rimmer  
President, Quebec Art Company

CC: The Honourable Philippe Couillard  
Mr. Sam Hamad  
Dr. Yves Bolduc

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