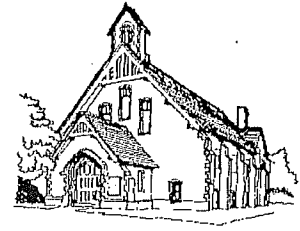


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November 13, 2014

Mr. Gaétan Barrette  
Minister of Health and Social Services  
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1075, chemin Sainte-Foy, 15e étage  
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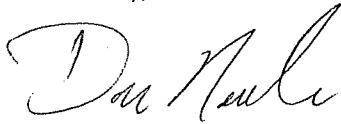
Dear Mr. Barrette,

Quebec Baptist Church has ministered to the English-speaking community of Quebec since 1845. Our thriving congregation includes people from across the globe who have chosen to make Quebec City their home. We are actively involved and integrated in the greater community; many of our members work for National Defense, local school boards, the provincial and federal governments as well as private enterprise. We are good citizens, eager volunteers, and faithful taxpayers. Most of us are now fluent in both French and English but we prefer to receive health care and social services in our mother-tongue and for this reason Jeffery Hale-St. Brigid's is vitally important to our congregation and to the vitality of our community.

Jeffery Hale-St Brigid's offers bilingual emergency care, pre and post natal care, early childhood services, counselling, caregiver support, school health services, homecare, daycare and residential care for seniors and a variety of special needs programs that are a life line for many in our congregation. We count on these services and would be lost without them. We fear that if Bill 10 is passed in its present form Jeffery Hale-Saint Brigid's and its board of directors will be swallowed up in one mega health establishment in Quebec City. No other organization in the community provides such a pivotal leadership role. JHSB provides innovative, efficient, culturally and linguistically appropriate services to our English-speaking community. One example of this is our annual Community Christmas Hamper Campaign which allows 22 English-speaking organizations to rally together to assist families in need each December. JHSB plays a key role in supporting this yearly partnership which is entirely volunteer led, privately funded and benefits Anglophone, Francophones and Allophones across the city.

We fear that the Liberal government that we elected is still not hearing our voices. Jeffery Hale-St. Brigid's must maintain its legal autonomy with its community selected board of directors who understand our heritage, our present challenges and our future needs. JHSB must retain its ties to the community that founded it while still remaining accountable to the Quebec healthcare system. The leadership and congregation of Quebec Baptist Church asks for your assistance to safeguard this venerable institution which is key to the vitality of the local English-speaking community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Neilson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'D'.

Don Neilson, Elder

cc: The Honourable Philippe Couillard

Mr. Sam Hamad

Mr. Yves Bolduc