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Dr. Gaétan Barrette
Ministre de la santé et des services sociaux
Édifice Catherine-de-Longpré
1075, chemin Sainte-Foy, 15^e étage
Québec (QC), G1S 2M1

Re : Bill 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,

As a Board member of the VEQ Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization that is dedicated to helping alleviate poverty in the English-speaking community and to support the advancement of education as well as any other purposes benefiting the community as a whole, I am writing you to express our deep concerns regarding the foreseen negative impacts that Bill 10 will have on our linguistic minority community.

We are convinced that should Bill 10 be adopted in its actual form, the capacity of our community to maintain high quality health and social services in English in the Quebec City region will be severely weakened, which will directly hurt the long-term sustainability of our linguistic minority community. We believe that the maintenance of the community governance of Jeffery Hale – Saint. Brigid's is essential to the survival of health services in English in our region. We are respectfully asking you to implement the necessary changes in Bill 10 to ensure that community governance remains an integral part of what Jeffery Hale – St. Brigid's is all about and to guarantee the survival of its legal entity.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely

Helen Walling
Board member

C.C. Monsieur Philippe Couillard, Premier Ministre
Monsieur Sam Hamad, Député de Louis-Hébert
Monsieur Yves Bolduc, Député de Jean-Talon