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The Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Minister of Health  
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Jones,

**RE: Application for SafePoint Consumption and Treatment Site, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit**

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On behalf of my constituents, I want to sincerely thank you, Minister, and your staff for your continued responsiveness regarding the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit's application for operational funding towards the SafePoint Consumption and Treatment Site and the many service priorities identified by our health care partners.

When I first inquired to your staff regarding the status of the application for funding for the SafePoint Consumption and Treatment Site, I was provided with the relevant information that I needed. I gained a significant understanding of the application process and for the status within which the project sits today.

As staff at both the Ministry and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) have confirmed with me, the application for provincial operational funding to support the SafePoint has been submitted successfully and there are no technical concerns. I understand that staff at WECHU and the Ministry continue to collaborate to inform the ongoing budget lines and forecasts, and that approval of Health Canada is required to begin any operations.

WECHU intends to open the SafePoint site later this month, subject to federal approval to operate the facility. WECHU is aware that their desire to operate this quickly is aggressive relative to the funding delivery experienced in other areas. This timing is due to the unmet demand for wraparound services that is being widely requested within our community and does not exist today.

The City of Windsor and the County of Essex would be grateful to receive confirmation of the timing for provincial funding approval for this service.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Dowie', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Member of Provincial Parliament  
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cc Mayor and Members of Council, City of Windsor  
MPP Anthony Leardi, Essex  
MPP Trevor Jones, Chatham-Kent—Leamington  
Dr. Ken Blanchette, CEO Windsor-Essex County Health Unit  
Fabio Costante, Chair, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit