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The Honourable Christine Elliott, MPP
Minister of Health
College Park 5th Floor
777 Bay Street
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Dear Minister Elliott:

I want to take this opportunity to write to you and express my full support for the Community Paramedicine Program being operated in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound by Grey County Paramedic Services.

Minister, community paramedicine is cutting edge form of healthcare that allows a paramedic a more proactive role of assessing, monitoring and treating patients in their own homes. Grey County has been involved in a series of pilot community paramedicine programs for a number of years. There are a number of important benefits to this program including: improved health for local residents and reduced admissions to local hospitals. The program is a wonderful method for residents living with chronic diseases and vulnerable people without easy access to primary healthcare to receive the services they need.

This is the kind of forward-thinking and innovative program that could be used as a model in other areas of the province. Our government is committed to ending hallway healthcare and this is the kind of program that could help achieve positive results.

If you would like to learn more about this program, I would be happy to facilitate a meeting between yourself and staff and frontline local paramedics from my riding who deliver this program on a day-to-day basis. I appreciate you taking the time to consider this program and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bill Walker, MPP
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

CC: Grey County Warden Selwyn Hicks and council
Rick Trombley, Community Paramedic

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