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The Honourable Kevin Falcon  
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Dear Minister Falcon: *Kevin*

I just want to extend my appreciation for the time that you and your staff accorded me the other day.

No doubt, there are many challenges facing not only the Ministry but, those that are charged with the delivery of care as well.

I want to reiterate, that all of us at Providence, want to contribute to these challenges and continue to seek new ways to solve old problems.

We are strongly driven by our mission and the historical efforts and deeds of our founding congregations. Our strength, as a contributor, comes from our ability to remain autonomous and retain our identity, while we form partnerships and collaborations across the system and the province.

We want to build upon our successes and be able to play a larger role in the reform that we must have in order to ensure some degree of sustainability.

Although our past role and reporting structures have, in our opinion held us back, we hope that ongoing discussions with the Ministry may lead to enhancing our ability to contribute.

Over the next short while, we will forward to you some ideas for simple and quick reform. Ideas that will give us some revenue opportunities, close loop holes and invigorate our staff.

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I agree with you that too much time and study goes into every effort. We are sensitive to public perceptions and politics. Our organization prides itself on our ability to adapt and change. We want to try out new funding models and new delivery processes.

Please include our voice in contemplated changes. We can often bring a perspective to debate that others can't or won't.

We look forward to working with you and offer an open invitation for you to visit anyone of our sites. Our frontline staff and doctors gain a strong sense of pride in the interest shown by the Minister.

I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Yours sincerely,



C.C. (Kip) Woodward