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Mayor Larry Dilanni
The City of Hamilton
City Hall
71 Main Street W.
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Dear Mayor Dilanni:

The Ontario Government is pleased to provide an additional $83.5M in 2005/06 for new and upgraded medical equipment, which will improve patient and resident care, and employee health and safety.

This funding is part of the McGuinty government's plan to build a health care system that delivers on three priorities – keeping Ontarians healthy, reducing wait times and improving access to doctors and nurses.

Our investments under this initiative will be targeted to several key areas:

- **Telemedicine**: will support the province's telemedicine infrastructure to ensure that a consistent baseline of telemedicine activity is accessible across the province, particularly in rural and under-served areas.

- **Laboratory Equipment**: will provide new and upgraded medical laboratory equipment as part of regional laboratory reform initiatives.

- **Regional Forensic Autopsy Suite Equipment**: targeted equipment funding for laboratories responsible for the performance of forensic autopsies.

- **LTC Homes**: funding for various diagnostic, security and safety devices along with specialized equipment used in the treatment of wound therapy, pain management and skin care.
• **Mechanical Patient/Resident Lifts:** funding will improve patient/resident safety, and promote safety for nurses and other health care professionals. Funding will be provided to approved LTC homes and to hospitals after a bulk purchasing agreement has been negotiated.

• **CT Scanners:** funding to replace CT equipment to reduce wait-times and provide improved services to Ontarians.

• **Community Health Centres:** funding for upgraded treatment and diagnostic medical equipment to improve patient care.

• **Land Ambulance Service:** funding to upgrade and enhance existing medical diagnostic and treatment equipment.

• **Aboriginal Health Access Centres:** funding to improve patient care by upgrading and enhancing medical diagnostic equipment.

It is my pleasure to inform you that in 2005/06 your organization will receive the following funding under this initiative. For those organizations that qualify for lift funding, details will be provided shortly.

The City of Hamilton will receive $306,833 for Land Ambulance.

An administrative letter will be sent to your organization outlining the ministry’s terms and conditions, including a sign-back agreement for this funding.

Thank you for your participation in this important initiative.

Yours truly,

George Smitherman
Minister

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