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# Mr. Glenn Thibeault Sudbury MPP, at a crossroads.

RE: YOUR POSITION ON THE MOBILE PET FOR SUDBURY

Consider this statement from a northern Ontario patient travelling to Toronto for

her PET scan.

"I was so sick I had to lie down flat in the back of the car while my sister drove me to Toronto and back for my PET scan."

Just for the record, and more importantly for those who will see this letter, Mr. Thibeault has refused to acknowledge or respond to a single request to meet, or to my repeated letters and emails asking him to clarify his position.

• This would suggest of course that his positions are indefensible, but in fact worse, that Mr. Thibeault has very serious facts he knows that he needs to keep out of the public eye.

Dear Honourable Member of Parliament, Mr. Thibeault

As you are likely aware, I gave a Press Conference at Queen's Park on Wednesday February 22. The articles in the media didn't get the 'theme' of my message exactly right. It was and remains:

- Short of offering electricity for free, to have given patients in seven communities access to Mobile PET would have been an obvious 'win win for Ms. Wynne'
- Not only would this be a major advantage for patients, not the least of which

is avoiding serious injury or death driving on winter roads to Toronto or other major centres for their PET scans, as you know *it would cost the taxpayers less to bring the MOBILE PET TO THE PATIENTS!* 

- And what better way to demonstrate to Ontario citizens that a Wynne/Hoskins Health Care system really is about *PATIENTS BEING FIRST!*
- Cleary this would lead to badly needed support in the polls with the upcoming election!

# THEREFORE TO SQUANDER THIS OPPORTUNITY:

• There must be the potential for a far more damaging, dare I say, catastrophic scandal for the Liberal Government by rolling out Mobile PET with the increasing awareness by physicians and patients as to why Ontario patients have the most restricted access and most flagrantly wrong indications for PET in the civilized world.

Could it be that the fear is that your Liberal Government and Cancer Care Ontario 'medical experts' could no longer hide the "immoral lie they have perpetrated on our patients, pretending there actually was science and not merely a money driven agenda used to block our cancer, dementia and other patients from the world standard of imaging management?

#### DR. HOSKINS RESPONSE TO MY APPEAL TO MS WYNNE FOR MOBILE:

How curious that Dr. Hoskins would choose to *insult the citizens of Sudbury* and directly imply they are a very callous bunch indeed!

I mean assuming they all know that it would be significantly cheaper and need only a fraction of the money already sitting in the bank for almost a year to bring the MOBILE to this patient:

- O They could care less about patients like this woman or those too sick to travel south for their PET scans.
- THEY ONLY WANT THE PERMANENT PET, and quit you're whining to those patients who want immediate access to MOBILE PET!

 BUT THEN OF COURSE SUDBURIAN'S DON'T KNOW THESE FACTS DO THEY?

• SO WHO ARE THE CALLOUS ONES IN THIS SITUATION?

I have told the patient I have quoted above that I would ask you why, given **you know it is cheaper**, **safer**, **and with profoundly less stress than the patient already is under**:

• That you would still rather see her vomiting in the back of the car rather

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## than bring the MOBILE here?

If you aren't aware that every reason that Dr. Hoskins has used to block PET is 100% false, consider yourself now so informed. I will send you the facts and my unanswered emails to Mr. David Jensen, the MOH 'spokesperson', or is he more the equivalent of any 'banana republic propagandist'? He was the one quoted regarding why: *Dr. Hoskins nixes Mobile PET for Sudbury.* 

What I can tell you is that *the patient is fully aware* that the reasons to block MOBILE PET from her and those who are too sick to travel, or just not wanting to take the risk of the drive, *are false, or as she said, lies.* 

### **THEREFORE:**

I am formally asking you on this patient's behalf:

1. Why, Mr. Thibeault, would you rather I lay vomiting in the back of my car all the way to and from Toronto, than bring the MOBILE PET to patients in Sudbury?

Sincerely

Dr. Dave Webster on behalf of Sudbury Patient from your riding