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The Honourable George Smitherman
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Dear Minister:

Re: **Comments on Local Health Information Network
October 6, 2004 Bulletin 1**

Thank you very much for providing us with the opportunity to comment on the first bulletin describing the mandate of the local health integration networks (LHINs). The attached document addresses the questions posted on the Ministry website and provides some additional commentary for your consideration.

We support the direction outlined in the bulletin in principle and are prepared to work with the Health Results Team to establish the LHIN in any capacity to improve patient care for the residents of Southeastern Ontario.

Our submission also offers focused comment on the proposed geographic boundaries of the South East Health Integration Network. While we appreciate the ICES work with acute care hospital referral patterns, as you mention often, health care is more than in-patient hospitalization. The natural configuration of our region has always included the six counties and the creation of the LHIN should continue to support this referral pattern, particularly for residents of Perth and Smiths Falls and the rural areas north of Bancroft and Sharbot Lake.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the first LHIN bulletin – we are looking forward to the next in the series. If you have any questions regarding our submission, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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