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Karl Ellis
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Listowel Wingham Hospitals Alliance

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RE: Letter of Support for MRI Machine in Wingham

Dear Mr. Ellis,

The Township of North Huron supports the Wingham and District Hospital's submission for Ontario Health funding for the operation of an MRI diagnostic imaging machine in Wingham. Residents of our municipality travel thousands of kilometres a year to larger centres at considerable expense to receive health care such as MRI scans. Having this technology closer to home will greatly increase access to health care for residents of this area.

The Wingham and District Hospital has a strong history in providing regional services through their existing regional oncology clinic. The proposed MRI will serve a population of the more than 111,000 people that live within 50 kilometres of Wingham.

There is currently only 1 MRI machine north of highway 7 and east of highway 400. The proposed unit would serve residents of North Perth, South Bruce, South Grey, and the north parts of Wellington and Huron counties. The Wingham and District Hospital (WDH) is ideally located at the centre of this large geographic area within Southwestern that does not currently have a resident MRI unit.

We believe this proposal will make a meaningful improvement to health care access in rural southwestern Ontario.

On behalf of the Council of the Township of North Huron and our residents, thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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