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Ron Barron
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Dear Mr. Barron:

I am responding to your email of January 28, 2022 to my colleague, Minister Abbott, and myself, wherein you express your significant concerns regarding access to health care services within Labrador West. I apologize for the delay in this response.

Your advocacy on behalf of the residents of Labrador West is to be commended. I understand the issues you have noted in your letter are of significant concern to you and your fellow community members. These concerns have been further highlighted by the recent petition and significant number of emails received by my department, on behalf of Ms. Cheryl Hardy.

I recognize the unique challenges faced by the residents of Labrador West, in particular access to health care, all of which you have outlined in your letter. Please know that I am committed to continuously working closely with Labrador-Grenfell Health, other stakeholders and other government departments, to identify opportunities to better support the residents of Labrador West.

I recognize that innovative models and approaches must be explored to meet the small but necessary demand for supportive care services in many parts of Labrador, in particular in Labrador West. I commit to continue to identify gaps in services and work toward solutions to provide quality health care services to all regions of the province, including Labrador West.

By way of copy, I am forwarding your letter and my response to Ms. Heather Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer, Labrador-Grenfell Health, for her information and follow up as, appropriate. I look forward to ongoing engagement and dialogue concerning seniors care and access to other health services within Labrador West.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Haggie".

JOHN HAGGIE, MD, FRCS
MHA – Gander
Minister

cc: Office of the Premier

John G. Abbott, Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development
Heather Brown, President and CEO, Labrador-Grenfell Health