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MEDIA ADVISORY

Thousands Rally at Ontario Legislature to Stop Unprecedented Cuts and Privatization that Threaten Community Hospitals All Across Ontario

Where: In front of main doors (South doors) of Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park

When: Friday November 21 at 12 noon.

What: A massive rally at Queen's Park with more than 3000 people in attendance from across Ontario to save our community hospitals and stop the contracting-out of hospital services to private clinics. This will be an excellent photo-op as thousands gather with signs, banners, noisemakers, flags and live music. Participants will march down University Ave. (hospital row) where nurses, health professionals, patients, doctors and support staff will come out in support. Live percussion, parade of cuts, chants, visuals.

People will be busing in from these communities, we have included contact info for media interviews or questions:

Belleville - CJ Christie 613-969-4357

Brampton – Motilall Sarjoo 416-709-6352

Campbellford – Wanda Tucker 705-653-5850

Chatham – Shirley Roebuck 226-402-2724

Cobourg – Peggy Smith 905-885-4005

Guelph – Magee McGuire 519-767-0084

Grey-Bruce – Len Hope 519-386-2342

Hamilton – Rolf Gerstenberger 289-260-9547

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Kitchener-Waterloo – Shawn Rouse 519-502-4300

Lindsay – James Mulhern 705-324-7841

London – Peter Bergmanis 519-860-4403

Midland-Penetanguishene – Fran Moreau 705-549-7611

Niagara – Sue Hotte 905-932-1646

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Oshawa – Lance Livingstone 905-431-0823

Ottawa – Marlene Rivier 613-222-8392

Perth/Smiths Falls – John Jackson 613-285-4048

Peterborough – Roy Brady 705-745-2446 or Charlene Avon 705-761-4408

Sarnia - Ted Hext 519-466-5316

Scarborough – Kingsley Kwok 416-835-3377

Stratford – Treena Hollingworth 647-537-4357

Sudbury – Anne Marie MacInnis 705-698-7655

Wallaceburg – Shirley Roebuck 226-402-2724

Welland – Sue Hotte 905-932-1646 or Fiona McMurrin 905-788-0756

Windsor – Andy Schmidt 519-903-1058

Who: The Ontario Health Coalition is the largest and broadest public interest group on health care in Ontario, representing more than half a million people in our network. The coalition has more than 400 member organizations including: faith groups; student chapters; social justice organizations; non-profit community groups; health care unions; private sector unions; nurses' associations; doctors' organizations; women's groups; seniors' organizations and many more. The coalition is comprised of a network of more than 70 local chapters across Ontario. Our mandate is to uphold single-tier public Medicare under the principles of the Canada Health Act. We encourage democratic public debate about public policy decisions and advocate for the public interest in health care.

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