PETITION to Save Hospital Services in Durham

TO The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS hospital mergers deliver little in savings and historically result in a loss of services to smaller communities;

WHEREAS Durham Region has seen a period of tremendous population growth with no capacity planning for meeting the health care needs of the growing population; and WHEREAS the current Lakeridge Health-Rouge Valley Health Systems ordered merger will cost \$18.2 million that will come out of the operating budgets of the hospitals resulting in cuts to services;

WE, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

To ensure the provincial government halts the merger of Lakeridge Health and Rouge Valley Health Systems immediately and creates a comprehensive and clear plan for proper and fully funded services to meet the needs of the residents in the communities of Port Perry, Bowmanville, Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax and Pickering; and

To ensure that Durham residents have access to needed public hospital services in their respective communities now and in the future.

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