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Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
College Park 5th Flr,
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON
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(by email)

Dear Minister,

It has come to my attention that the South Keys Health Centre in Ottawa South is charging an annual membership fee of \$400 for basic primary care services such as diagnoses and referrals. It is deeply concerning that families in Ottawa South are having to pay for access to primary care services in our community.

The primary foundation for our publicly funded health care system is equal access to all. It is not based on your ability to pay. Access to primary care services should be through your OHIP card and not your credit card.

It is my understanding that your Ministry is aware of this situation and I ask that you investigate it. We know that this is not the first time that this has happened in Ontario and it should be deeply concerning to all of us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


John Fraser
MPP Ottawa South