

October 19, 2010

Honourable Deborah Matthews  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hepburn Block  
80 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C4

Sent by fax: (416)327-3679

Dear Minister Matthews,

I write to you concerning a very critical matter that has risen with respect to the air ambulance and critical care operations whereby the employer has notified the CAW that service will be moved from Toronto Island Airport to Hamilton. This operation titled ORNGE, provides air ambulance and critical care land transportation in Ontario and has done so for over 30 years. These helicopters carry patients who require high levels of medical care to the hospitals in the Toronto area such as Sick Children's, St. Michael's and Sunnybrook.

We believe this decision will cause a significant negative impact if it is allowed to move this operation to Hamilton. There appears to be no legitimate reason to move to Hamilton and it will add a significant amount of time to each of these flights and may very well have a life threatening impact on patient care.

We have also been informed that ORNGE has not even had the courtesy to notify any of the healthcare stakeholders, such as the hospitals.

On behalf of our members we urge you to fully investigate this matter and reverse this decision. We are prepared to meet with you on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,



Ken Lewenza  
National President

cc: Hon Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario  
Dr. C. Mazza, CEO ORNGE  
David Miller, Mayor of Toronto  
Leslie Dias, President CAW Local 2002  
Ron Smith, National Representative  
KL/RC/kw:cope.343