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MPP Oosterhoff Tables Petition calling on the Government to expedite the rebuild of the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital

The Niagara West Community came together with more than 18,000 constituents signing the petition to save WLMH

Queen's Park –Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara West [tabled a petition](#) on Wednesday that called on the Government of Ontario to engage in community consultations with respect to hospital service delivery in the Niagara West region, and expedite the process of rebuilding the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital. The petition came in response to Hamilton Health Sciences' recent announcement of the temporary move of some important services from WLMH.

"The recent decision of Hamilton Health Sciences to potentially remove services from the hospital has caused deep concern and disappointment in my riding, and across Niagara," said Oosterhoff, "But I'm very grateful for the thousands of community members who have come together to fight for our Hospital." He noted that over 18,000 of his constituents signed the petition. In a statement made earlier the same day, Oosterhoff assured his constituents that the PC Government was on their side. "I know our Minister of Health is working with HHS and doing everything she can to keep the services at West Lincoln my constituents need and deserve," adding, "I am so proud of Premier Doug Ford for coming to Niagara, hearing from local leadership about the importance of these services, and committing to work on a positive solution to the situation."

The former Liberal government called redevelopment of WLMH a priority, promising that construction would begin by 2009 and after subsequent broken promises, the government's 2012 budget cancelled the project entirely. MPP Oosterhoff, on the other hand, is dedicated to turning the page on broken promises. "I've said it time and time again: I will not stop fighting for the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital until the doors open on a new build."

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