

Nunatsiavut Secretariat

December 15, 2017

Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Government of Ontario 10th Floor, Hepburn Block 80 Grosvenor Street Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Fax: 416-326-1571 E-mail: ehoskins.mpp@liberal.ola.org

Dear Minister,

As President of Nunatsiavut and on behalf of Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, I am writing to request that you ensure proper medical attention is given to Ms. Delilah Saunders, a Labrador Inuk woman who is clinging to her life after her liver failed.

Delilah, who is 26, has struggled with alcohol addiction, and has had made significant progress in her recovery process. According to doctors, Delilah's liver failure was triggered by taking acetaminophen. Delilah's family has had to endure much hardship and pain in recent years, after another daughter (Loretta) was murdered in Nova Scotia. Delilah became a vocal advocate for Indigenous women after her sister's death, including presenting at the inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

I implore you, as Minister, to do everything in your power to ensure Delilah has every opportunity to receive a donor liver, without which she will die.

I appreciate your time, and anticipate a quick response to my request.

Sincerely,

Abannes M Sampe

Johannes Lampe President

Ronnie Gavsie, President and CEO c.c. Trillium Gift of Life Network **Fax:** 416-363-4002

25 Ikajuktauvik Road, PO Box 70, Nain, NL, Canada A0P 1L0 Toll Free: 1.866.922.2942 Fax: 709.922.2931

www.nunatsiavut.com