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Subject: Proposal to Secure a Parking Lot to Sustain Local Walk-In Clinic Care

Dear Mayor Carter and Esteemed City Council Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to propose an arrangement that could positively impact the well-being of our community and ensure that the Urgent Care clinic in our area continues to provide vital medical services to unattached patients.

As we are all aware, our community has been well-served by the dedicated professionals at the Oshawa Clinic. This medical facility has been a lifeline for those who lack regular access to healthcare, ensuring that they receive the medical attention they require in a timely and accessible manner. It has played a crucial role in addressing the healthcare needs of unattached patients and has been an integral part of our local healthcare infrastructure.

However, the clinic now faces a pressing issue that threatens its continued operation in the downtown core: costs for renting the parking lot are not within our budget given the new location and associated costs.

The Oshawa Clinic's departure from downtown Oshawa would add to the already challenging healthcare environment. Patients, particularly those with urgent medical concerns, are finding it increasingly difficult to access any clinic due to the lack of physicians and urgent care centers that will see unrostered patients. This has resulted in an undue burden on these vulnerable individuals, who often have no alternative means of accessing healthcare.

To resolve this issue and maintain the essential healthcare services provided by the Urgent Care clinic, I propose that the City of Oshawa take over the parking lot, the costs associated with it, and retain all income and profit from the revenue. Please designate it for the City's use as well as the use of clinic patients. By doing so, we can ensure that patients have convenient and accessible parking, more

importantly we will agree to stay and operate the Urgent Care clinic to service the patient needs for Oshawa.

Here are the key benefits of this proposal:

- 1. **Sustaining Vital Healthcare Services:** The availability of a dedicated urgent care will enable the walk-in clinic to continue serving unattached patients, safeguarding their health and well-being.
- 2. **Enhancing Community Health:** A stable and accessible clinic will contribute to the overall health of our community by addressing medical issues early, preventing their escalation, and reducing the number of patients being admitted to the hospital ER.
- 3. **Economic Benefits:** By preserving the clinic, we maintain healthcare-related employment opportunities and the economic activity it generates in our city. This includes collection of the parking revenue and increasing the attraction for future businesses.
- 4. **Community Support:** The provision of parking for clinic patients demonstrates the city's commitment to the well-being of its residents, fostering community support and engagement.

I kindly request that you consider this proposal. I am confident that this arrangement will not only ensure the continued operation of the Urgent Care clinic but also highlight our city's dedication to the health and welfare of its citizens.

I am willing to discuss this proposal further and provide any additional information or assistance required to move this initiative forward. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our community members and ensure that healthcare remains accessible to all.

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

Sincerely,

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