

House of Commons
485 Confederation Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the reduction of services for our Veterans at Parkwood Hospital in London Ontario.

Canada has over 200,000 Peacekeeping Veterans with a courageous legacy of service and accomplishment. There are also new Veterans coming home from Afghanistan and other missions around the world. Many of our Veterans are now in the later part of life and it is important that Canada's Heroes have facilities like Parkwood Hospital that specialize in the needs of Veterans and a place where they can live out their remaining days with other Veterans.

Many years ago the citizens of Canada decided to make these services available to our Veterans as a way to make sure they were properly cared for. The idea of taking these services away from the Peacekeepers is an insult to them and their service to Canada. The citizens of Canada have been represented around the world by the brave men and women of our military since Lester B. Pearson committed us to the role of Peacekeepers in 1949, and with this comes the expectation that we will take care of these Heroes when their service is over. Many Veterans suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorders and physical injuries that they live with for the rest of their lives, and to close the beds and services at Parkwood Hospital is an injustice to these brave people.

I want my government to keep all Veterans services intact at Parkwood Hospital and uphold our commitment to care for our Soldiers and RCMP Officers after they have served their country.

Therefore I would ask that you address this matter with the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Jean-Pierre Blackburn, and in Parliament when it resumes in September 2010.

Sincerely,