



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-01000**

BY: **MR. OUELLETTE (WINNIPEG CENTRE)**

DATE: **DECEMBER 5, 2016**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **HONOURABLE JANE PHILPOTT**

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Response by the Minister of Health

SIGNATURE  
Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**TRANSPORTATION**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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### REPLY

The Government of Canada is committed to upholding the principles of the *Canada Health Act*. The Act is meant to facilitate, for all Canadians, reasonable access to medically necessary hospital and physician services based on medical need and not the ability or willingness to pay. However, hospital parking is not considered an insured hospital service as defined under the *Canada Health Act*.

In Canada, hospitals are under provincial and territorial jurisdiction, including the building operations and management of hospitals and the delivery of insured hospital services. While some hospitals in Canada have decided to provide free parking to patients and visitors, they do so at their discretion, since this is not a requirement of the *Canada Health Act*.