

MEDICAL REFORM GROUP

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Right Hon. Paul Martin
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Our Medicare system is under serious threat from privatization. Powerful vested interests, including a member of your caucus, Senator Michael Kirby, are campaigning to pry open the public health care delivery system and spread private for-profit investor-owned delivery of services.

As Commissioner Roy Romanow concluded, privatization of delivery will not fix wait times, or deliver better or cheaper care. More importantly, this is a perversion of Canadian values as those with money will buy their way to the front of the line.

Why is your Minister of Health not performing his statutory duty to report, monitor, and enforce compliance with the Canada Health Act?

According to the Auditor General of Canada, Health Canada "is unable to tell Parliament the extent to which health care delivery in each province and territory complies with the criteria and conditions" of the Canada Health Act.

Prime Minister, you must show decisive leadership now and stop the hostile takeover of Medicare.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GUYATT', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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