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Dr. Chris Mackie
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Dear Dr. Mackie,

I am writing this letter advising of our support of the Middlesex-London Health Unit's efforts in securing a permanent Supervised Consumption Facility.

As you know, SOAHAC presently has a staff member on site at the current Temporary Overdose Prevention Site one day per week; to assist within the aftercare room.

SOAHAC remains committed to providing a SOAHAC staff member on site in a permanent Supervised Consumption Facility wherever your team and the City of London deem an acceptable location for a permanent site.

As an Aboriginal Health Access Centre serving First Nations, Metis and Inuit individuals, families and communities across the Southwest Region of Ontario; this crisis is being felt significantly in our urban, on reserve and off reserve populations.

Having the ability to support this work with our community partners now and in future; allows SOAHAC to provide culturally sensitive care and support to not only the individuals, families and communities we serve; but to all affected by this crisis.

Sincerely,

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