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Honorable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health  
College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay St  
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Honorable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
5th Floor, 438 University Ave  
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**Re: Post-Secondary Education Students in Health Care Placements**

Dear Honorable Christine Elliott & Honorable Stephen Lecce,

The Township of Armour is a small municipality with a population of 1,414 in rural Parry Sound, Ontario. At this time, during a pandemic, the Township is very concerned that some of our post-secondary education students in health care may lose their school year.

Our concern is that the students in health care, who were in a placement when the pandemic started, were sent home when the schools were closed. Some of these students are now either volunteering or have been asked to assist in hospitals and/or health care centres.

The Township of Armour would like to request that your government assess this matter and return these students to their placements or, as an alternative, credit these students the time there are putting in at hospitals or health centres as a placement so that they may graduate. By doing so, graduating students will be able to start their careers in the health care system and increase the number of front line workers we desperately need to fight this pandemic.

Respectfully yours,

Robert MacPhail, Reeve  
Township of Armour