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To the Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development & Mines & Indigenous Affairs

To the Hon. Ross Romano Minister of Colleges and Universities

Dear Minister Rickford and Minister Romano,

Please find a letter attached from Wendy Landry, President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

NOMA is expressing deep concern about your sudden announcement regarding the proposed severance of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

I share the alarm and concern expressed here about your Ministry's decision to sever the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) from its long-standing partnership with Lakehead and Laurentian Universities. That this decision affecting Ontario healthcare and hospitals was announced during last week's peak numbers in Ontario's COVID crisis is particularly distasteful, and furthers the appearance of secrecy and stealth on your part.

The NOMA letter stresses the essential nature of NOSM, and how it has evolved into a most successful cooperation between universities and our Northern Ontario health care community, and its many institutions. The severance decision would create a huge division between all these partners, and have a negative impact on NOSM's stability and future.

NOMA and my constituents are demanding consultation on the severance decision and its future implications. Many questions need to be answered, and I will agree with NOMA that they should have been raised and answered before this legislation was even considered. This is a major Northern issue, and our regional academic and economic stakeholders and

our First Nations were given no prior indication of this sweeping government plan.

As MPP for Thunder Bay-Superior North, I too will respectfully request answers to the numerous questions raised by this hasty and arbitrary move by MCU and the Ontario government. I am vehemently opposed to the severance proposal, and I will second NOMA's assertion that consultation with all stakeholders on this major disruption is needed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Minister Romano,

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Thank you,

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