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## STOP THE CLOSURE OF THE CARDIAC FITNESS INSTITUTE

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario,

**WHEREAS** the Cardiac Fitness Institute (CFI) at the London Health Sciences Centre has provided over 35 years of cardiac rehab and care services to thousands of patients; and,

**WHEREAS** research shows that long-term lifestyle changes following serious cardiac events are critical to save lives and to prevent costly hospital visits later; and,

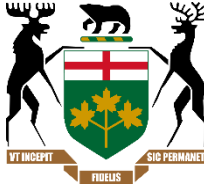
**WHEREAS** the CFI is the only program in London that provides long-term cardiac rehab support, with approximately 1,400 cardiac patients currently benefitting from the program; and,

**WHEREAS** patients who access CFI services have a rehab retention rate of 75-80%, well above the average for patients who attend short-term programs; and,

**WHEREAS** the LHSC has cited a lack of government funding as a driving factor in their decision to close the CFI.

**Therefore we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly as follows:**

Immediately fund the CFI to prevent its closure and ensure that heart patients and their families have access to the care they need to stay healthy.



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