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Hon. John Hickey, MHA Labrador Affairs  
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Dear Hon. Hickey,

Yesterday I was made aware of the petition that was presented to the House Of Assembly on behalf of Labrador. My father, John Chiasson is the one that started the petition after his grandson, my son, got sick in September. Since then my father wanted to start a petition to request the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to station a Medevac team and plane here in Labrador.

Since then we have gathered over 3000 signatures for our petition. Which we are very proud to have accomplished; we have put countless hours, telephone calls, emails, messages, personal conversations from far and wide.

We were so proud as the petition was presented the House of Assembly. Words could not have described out happy we were. Until, yesterday it was brought to our attention what the petition had stated.

Hon. Hickey, the petition that was presented was **not** the petition that we were working so hard for. I am very saddened, hurt, mad and upset on how **our** petition was not **our** petition at all. As a matter of fact, it looked like to me that it was a totally different petition all together. In our petition it clearly stated the **"We the undersigned residents of Labrador, call on the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Government to establish a medevac response team and aircraft in Labrador. Labradorians experience extraordinary wait times for medevac services which is simply unacceptable; proving there is an overwhelming need to have a medevac stationed in Labrador, to serve all of the people of Labrador and its communities."**

The petition that was presented had absolutely nothing to do with our petition what so ever. Actually the wait time on the petition was false also as we had to wait close to **24** hours, not **12**. And we are **not** petitioning to get the system **"upgraded"** or **"more efficient"**. But we are trying to get what we had originally asked for, a team and plane stationed in Labrador.

After all of the hard work, sweat and tears that we have put into our petition we are left feeling cheated and *still* asking questions. My family and I were unaware of the "formatted" petition that was presented and not asked for any input on the "revised" one that was presented.

I hope that the petition that was presented on Labrador's behalf can be cleared or fixed as it was **not** presented on what we had thought, hoped and prayed that it would have been. Words cannot describe the hurt that we are feeling as the petition that we have worked so hard to do was presented in the way that it did.

Thank you for your time in reading my letter Hon. Hickey. I hope with all of my might that you are able to fix this error, well error would indeed be an understatement but, I hope that you are able to fix it on our, and when I say our I mean all of Labradors, behalf.

Sincerely,

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