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Mr. Eric Glass
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Dear Mr Glass,

As a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba, I have created a policy dealing with the delivery of the Emergency Medical Services in Manitoba. It is my belief that the current amalgamation system is not providing the service Manitobans expect and a new model must be created.

I believe that the provincial government must improve the way that ambulance service is supplied to all Manitobans, including the City of Winnipeg, by utilizing technologies such as GPS in conjunction with a Medical Transportation Co-ordination Centre (MTCC). A province wide delivery system will ensure that patients receive the nearest appropriate ambulance in the least amount of time.

It is imperative that the provincial government ensure that appropriate funding is provided to maintain superior response times and sustainable services.

It is important that all paramedics are to be trained in a consistent fashion across the province and that the "Regional Health Authorities of Manitoba" (RHAM) would manage the provincial Emergency Medical Services (EMS) delivery system. This does not mean that employees would lose their current position only that the "RHAM" would manage the EMS system.

I would ask for your careful consideration of this policy and look forward to your response.

With regards,

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