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Dr. Mary Jarratt  
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Dear Dr. Jarratt:

On behalf of the Saint John Board of Trade, I would like to thank the Saint John Medical Society for hosting the Town Hall session on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. I, along with a number of members of our Board found the session very informative.

I would like to express the Saint John Board of Trade's support for the three points highlighted by doctors at this session:

1. The need to eliminate billing numbers;
2. The Province honour your contract;
3. Recognition that doctors are an asset.

We agree that New Brunswick needs to be seen by the rest of the country that we are open for business and that we are physician friendly.

We as a Board of Trade support the position of the Saint John Medical Society because we understand the impact access to quality health care has on recruiting and maintaining a highly skilled workforce and the economic growth of our community.

There is great potential to further grow our health sector into a medical centre of excellence with the clustering of the Provincial Anglophone Medical Program, the Provincial tertiary care and level one trauma hospital, the expanded Emergency Room, and the new health sciences building at Tucker Park. This growth is dependent upon our ability to retain and recruit physicians.

We need to ensure that our Province is able to address and recognize the important issues affecting physicians and the businesses you run.

Please don't hesitate to call me if there is anything the Saint John Board of Trade can do to assist you.

Yours truly,

  
Imelda Gilman  
President

