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Good afternoon.

Many in our community have been following recent media coverage about Health Minister Victor Boudreau's position on the purchase of DNA sequencing equipment for the Saint John Regional Hospital, for which our Foundation recently raised more than \$900,000 thanks to the generosity of our donors. Minister Boudreau is quoted as saying this equipment would represent duplication in the system, as it is available in Moncton through the privately owned Atlantic Cancer Research Institute.

The Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation respectfully argues that this equipment is necessary, cost-efficient and in the best health care interests of New Brunswickers.

I know that many in Saint John are concerned about this situation, and I want to assure you that Dr. John Dornan, Chief of Staff; Jason Downey, Chair of the Foundation Board and I are leading an effort to further communicate with our government about the critical need for this equipment in Saint John.

This is our number one priority.

This is a sensitive time, and it is important that we preserve an open, solutions-focused environment for this ongoing dialogue with government. We commit to keeping hospital staff, volunteers and donors informed of progress.

If you have any questions, please reach out any time. I will be in touch again soon.

Sincerely,

Jeff McAloon
President and CEO, Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation