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Dear Members,

The Alberta government cut spending for a new South Edmonton Hospital in the 2024 budget release on February 29. You and I both know our hospitals are bursting at the seams with hallway medicine. We also know the population will continue to increase and this will only get worse. We are currently short 514 beds in our zone and are projected to be short 1,529 beds by 2027 and 2,926 beds by 2037. It takes five years to build a new hospital and we cannot wait a moment longer to start the South Edmonton Hospital.

Drs. Noel Gibney, Braden Manns and I published an opinion piece in the Edmonton Journal on Friday. [You can view our article here.](#) It is important to raise awareness and hold the Alberta government to account for this decision. Danille Smith and Adriana LaGrange will be at Representative Forum this week and I suggest we ask them where we will put patients when there is no hallway space left and how they will manage the fall-out.

Warmest regards,

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