



www.sohc.ca

December 9, 2016

Honourable Navdeep Singh Bains
Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6
Email: Navdeep.Bains@parl.gc.ca

Dear Minister,

I am writing in support of the request made by the British Columbia Health Coalition to extend the review of the purchase of Retirement Concepts by the Anbang Insurance Group.

The Support Our Health Care (SOHC) Society advocates on behalf of the people of Princeton and other rural remote communities in BC who are largely underserved by our province's healthcare system. We are dedicated to the improvement of healthcare in our province and for this reason are very concerned about this proposed buy-out of long term care facilities by a foreign company.

We are active members of the BC Health Coalition and support their push for stronger public solutions to health care challenges, particularly the need for better care for seniors. Many seniors lack adequate home and community care in our province. We believe that long-term care facilities need to be better funded and regulated under properly administered government control. We do not believe that privatization is in the best interest of seniors and are very concerned that moving in the direction of for-profit care under the ownership of foreign companies will further deteriorate our existing services.

We strongly urge you to extend the timelines for the review of this purchase to allow information to be shared and public concerns heard.

Sincerely,

Edward Staples, President
Support Our Health Care Society

c.c. Dan Albas, MP, Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola (email:
Dan.Albas@parl.gc.ca)

John Knubley, Director of Investments, Investment Review Division (email:
john.knubley@canada.ca)

Jonathan DeWolfe, Director of Policy and Outreach, Investment Review Division
(email: Jonathan.DeWolfe@canada.ca)

Diane Finley, MP, Economic Development Critic, Conservative Party of Canada (email:
diane.finley@parl.gc.ca)

Brian Masse, MP, Economic Development Critic, New Democratic Party of Canada
(email: brian.masse@parl.gc.ca)

Xavier Barsalou-Duval, Economic Development Critic, Bloc Quebecois (email:
Xavier.Barsalou-Duval@parl.gc.ca)

Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health (email: Jane.Philpott@parl.gc.ca)

Colin Carrie, Health Critic, Conservative Party of Canada (email:
colin.carrie@parl.gc.ca)

Don Davies, Health Critic, New Democratic Party of Canada
(email:don.davies@parl.gc.ca)