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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to express my support for the work of "Docteur L'air de Rien (Olivier-Hugues Terreault) and the *Doctor Clown!* project. This work can provide a helpful and joyful injection of life into hospitals in Canada. Our organization, *Gesundheit! Institute*, founded by Dr. Patch Adams, has been active for the past 30 years in promoting this kind of service into health care settings. There is now a significant body of strong medical research that documents the benefits to patient care of having humour and clowns integrated into health care. We will be presenting a conference on the therapeutic value of humour at the Royal Ottawa Hospital April 17-18, 2001.

I have been impressed by M. Terreault's understanding of the complex issues involved with bringing clowning into the often stressed and busy hospital environment. I believe that his joy, inspiration and caring service could be of significant benefit to both the patients and to the staff.

I hope that you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to have clowns bringing smiles to people's faces in your hospital.

Sincerely,

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