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Life-saving drug to be covered by the Provinces MPP Arnott thanks Canada's Premiers

(Wellington-Halton Hills) – Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott has expressed appreciation to the provincial Premiers of Canada for agreeing to provide funding for Soliris, a life-saving drug for paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) patients.

“This is great news for Lucas Macieszka and his family, who fought long and hard to get this medication approved and save Lucas’ life,” Mr. Arnott said.

Last November, Mr. Arnott was contacted by Rick Macieszka, Lucas’ father.

“When I heard that Lucas Macieszka might die without Soliris, we went to work. I repeatedly raised the issue with the Minister of Health, including Questions in the Legislature,” Mr. Arnott recalled. “I am so pleased that this story has had a happy ending.”

The Toronto Star reported on July 22nd, that the Premiers of Canada have agreed to band together to bulk-buy Soliris. It is hoped that this kind of cooperation can reduce the cost of medication for rare diseases, including PNH.

“The Premiers deserve credit, but most of all, the credit should go to Lucas, his father Rick and the others, like Tanya Talaga of the Toronto Star, who advocated so passionately, and in the end successfully,” Mr. Arnott concluded.

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