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Dear Mr. Giroux

As concerned citizens of the communities of both (your town - Sudbury, Timmins, North Bay, Espanola, Hanner, etc.) and Northeastern Ontario, we strongly believe in the continued need of an established, proven, and highly successful Breast Assessment service at the regional HSN.

Initiated in 2000, great progress has been ACHIEVED with the diagnostic imaging department, surgeons and nurse navigator (a skilled breast health expert). Clinical pathways have been put in place to ensure that from a breast finding - to further testing - to an appointment with a surgeon - a coordinated approach was overviewed by the nurse. The focus was on all women (or men), whatever the age, was assessed and given a diagnosis in a timely fashion.

Research indicates that early diagnosis saves lives. Why is HSN regressing?

The surgical service, supported by a nurse navigator with the doctors on-site at HSN, is an absolute priority for any of us affected with breast issues and or breast cancer.

Your point(s) or experience here.

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