



Montreal November 28, 2019  
Ms. Danielle Mc Cann  
Minister of Health and Social Services

Good morning, Minister,

I am writing to ask you to consider the clause in the MUHC contract that would allow you to terminate the contract with SNC-Lavalin for prohibited acts. These prohibited acts are defined in Article 60 of the PPP contract and include, inter alia, "*giving or undertaking to give*" (...) "*a gift or consideration of any kind whatsoever*" in exchange for obtaining the contract.

Yanai Elbaz, former Associate Executive Director of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), pleaded guilty to criminal charges of accepting \$10 million from SNC-Lavalin for SNC Lavalin to obtain the MUHC construction and maintenance contract for the next 30 years.

Since then, the secret contract has not allowed us to know the amount of extras that are invoiced monthly and paid for out of public funds. The few invoices that have been made public come from whistleblowers and they give you the creeps:

- 8792 for clothes hooks
- 409\$ to move a single hand soap dispenser a few inches
- 20,442 to move pictograms
- 26,508 to move televisions already owned by the MUHC in oncology

This list of abusive extras is revealed by the Montreal newspaper, see:  
<https://www.journaldemontreal.com/2015/10/24/cest-completement-fou>

Clearly, the consortium charges extra for the smallest works at prices that are totally delusional for the public treasury.

The Liberal government has never wanted to use the provisions of the Civil Code that exist specifically to cancel a contract that was obtained through fraud.

It is up to your administration to take the legal measures that exist in the best interests of Quebecers to stop the flagrant abuse of public funds that is taking place month after month in this MUHC public-private partnership (ppp).

You and I both know very well that this money can be better used in the network. You have the power to make that decision and make history for making the best decision for the people of Quebec and repairing the damage the Liberals did. I'm sure you'll make the right decision.

Please accept my best regards.

(French version of the letter is signed)

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