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QCGN invites Ministers Dubé, Roberge and Girard to meeting on directives.

Montreal – August 12, 2024 – We were not surprised to be left off the list of hand-picked invitees for a meeting about language directives in the health-care system by French Language Minister Jean-François Roberge's office. We have made it clear from the outset the importance of meeting with Christian Dubé, the Minister of Health and Social Services. This is a health issue, plain and simple.

We are given to understand that some individuals or groups who had been invited to Tuesday's meeting have chosen not to attend, because they share our view that the meeting should be with M. Dubé, the minister responsible for the administration of Health and Social Services in Quebec. M. Roberge does not play that role.

No fewer than three ministers – M. Dubé, M. Roberge and Eric Girard, Minister Responsible for Relations with the English-speaking Community, [indicated publicly last week](#) their willingness to meet members of our community and clarify the new directives governing the use of languages other than French in hospitals and other institutions.

The QCGN and others now ask these ministers to live up to that promise and meet with us as soon as possible for a full and frank discussion.

It is vital that M. Dubé be present. This concerns his ministry. It is a health issue regarding the administration of health and social services. M. Girard's presence would be useful in his role as minister responsible for the 1.3-million-member English-speaking community.

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