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## Letter of support for Genion Carrier Model

It gives me great pleasure to whole heartedly endorse and support the Genion Carrier Model. I have reviewed this model in detail including publication, photos, videos and discussion with Jason Watt, one of the inventors. Having worked as a Paramedic with Toronto Paramedic Services for over 30 years, and now as an Ambulance Communication Officers in Kawartha, I am positioned to appreciate the potential impact of this self-propelled emergency stretcher.

Jason Watt and his team at Genion Corporation have developed a revolutionary device designed to transport patients across challenging terrains such a snow and uneven ground. This stretcher can switch between self-propelled and manually propelled configurations which would make it an invaluable tool for emergency responders who deal with diverse settings, which includes rough terrain and inclement weather. The self-propelled feature will allow the stretcher to navigate difficult terrain, significantly reducing the physical strain on the paramedics, not to mention improving patient safety during transport.

As a supervisor I have filled out many WSIB reports for injuries that could have been prevented by this invention. In my experience as a paramedic working in challenging environments, I have seen firsthand the challenges of transporting patients over rough terrain especially when emergent patient care is ongoing. By addressing these challenges, this invention provides a reliable and efficient means of patient transport which is critical in emergency situations.

As a communications officer in Kawartha, I have seen significant delays in patient transport, such as prolonged extrications from ATV trails; this invention would not only expedite extraction but potentially prevent musculoskeletal injuries of the first responders.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Genion Carrier Model will revolutionize transporting patients in challenging environments and will protect our paramedics from injuries. I fully support this project and its inventors.

Sincerely,

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