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The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
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Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty:

Re: Infectious Diseases Control Funding

I am writing to you on behalf of the Council of The Regional Municipality of York to request that the Province continue to provide 100% funding for the FTE positions awarded by the Province for the purposes of monitoring and controlling infectious diseases.

In 2003, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) greatly impacted the delivery of services by The Regional Municipality of York. In December 2003, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care committed 7 FTE positions to The Regional Municipality of York for the purpose of increasing the health unit's ability to monitor and control infectious diseases and enhance its ability to deal with surges in activity related to outbreaks of diseases. The approximate value of these additional FTE is \$615,000 per year.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has committed to providing these positions at 100% funding until further notice.

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York is requesting that the Province of Ontario continue to provide 100% funding for the FTE positions awarded by the Province for the purposes of monitoring and controlling infectious diseases and enhancing The Region's ability to deal with surges in activity related to outbreaks of diseases indefinitely.

Your assistance in the matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Bill Fisch
Regional Chair and CEO