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Hon. Sandra Pupatello
Ontario's Minister of Community and Social Services and
Minister Responsible for Women's Issues
Hepburn Block
6th Floor, 80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1E9

Dear Ms. Pupatello,

The Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) represents over 7300 members who provide care in communities throughout the province. The OCFP was contacted by members of our College who are concerned about the negative impact of poverty on health, especially in light of concerns regarding the level of financial assistance for nutritional needs.

We have reviewed the enclosed resolutions form alpha (i.e. A05-18 and A05-19) and are fully supportive of the resolutions aimed at addressing this significant risk to the health of a significant number of Ontarians and Canadians.

We would be pleased to work with both levels of Government and alpha to address the issues raised by Council of Medical Officers of Health and the Toronto Board of Health.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 416-867-9646.

Yours truly,

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