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Ms. Linda Stewart  
Executive Director  
Association of Local Public  
Health Agencies (ALPHA)  
425 University Avenue, Suite 502  
Toronto ON M5G 1T6

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Thank you for your letter of February 1, 2006, including your association's resolutions with regard to health goals and objectives for Ontario and requirements for public health impact statements.

I appreciate receiving your views on these important issues, and your request that they be taken into consideration as part of the work of the Interministerial Committee on Healthy Living. I know that my colleague, the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, will be responding to these matters on behalf of the government.

I assure you that I will keep these matters in mind when discussing relevant issues with my colleagues.

Again, thank you for bringing ALPHA's resolutions to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Watson'.

Jim Watson, MPP  
Minister

c: The Honourable George Smitherman  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Dr. Sheela Basrur, Chief Medical Officer of Health and  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health Division

