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Ms. Linda Stewart
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Dear Ms. Stewart:

Thank you for your letter of November 26 providing me with copies of ALPHA's resolutions passed at the recent Public Health Summit regarding alcohol. I am grateful to you for keeping me informed of ALPHA's activities.

As Premier and as a father of four young drivers, I wholeheartedly share your view that we need to protect our young people from the deadly effects of drinking and driving on our roads. My colleagues and I take this and other unsafe driving practices very seriously. That is why we are taking a comprehensive approach that includes legislation, driver education and enforcement efforts by the police.

Under the graduated licensing system, G1 and G2 drivers must maintain a zero alcohol level while driving. Our graduated licensing system has been a resounding success in reducing death and injury among novice drivers.

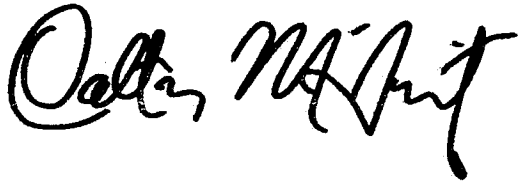
I note that you have sent a copy of your correspondence to my colleague the Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion. I trust that the minister will also take your members' views into consideration.

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Thank you again for the information. My colleagues and I look forward to an ongoing collaboration with you and alpha. Please accept my best wishes for much ongoing success.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

c: The Honourable Margaret Best