

The Premier
of Ontario

Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1A1

Le Premier ministre
de l'Ontario

Édifice de l'Assemblée législative
Queen's Park
Toronto (Ontario)
M7A 1A1



March 23, 2009

RECEIVED

MAR 25 2009

alPHa

Ms. Linda Stewart
Executive Director
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa)
502-425 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1T6

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Thank you for your letter of March 4 providing me with copies of alPHa's resolutions regarding poverty in Ontario and expressing support for Bill 152, the Poverty Reduction Act, 2009. I appreciate your keeping me informed of alPHa's activities.

Our government remains committed to breaking the cycle of poverty in our province and to helping enable all Ontarians to have the best possible quality of life. Our government's poverty reduction strategy sets an aggressive target: reducing the number of children living in poverty by 25 per cent — or 90,000 children — over five years.

Our government strongly believes that all children should have the same opportunity to succeed in life, and that people facing challenges should be given the tools they need to get ahead. Reducing poverty is the right thing to do for Ontarians and for our economy. An educated, healthy and employable workforce is critical to the economic future of this province. Our continued investments in the education system mean that tens of thousands more children are now staying in school each year instead of dropping out before graduation. In giving families the resources and the tools they need to succeed, our economy will grow strong today — and for generations to come.

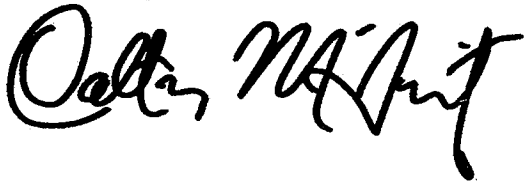
... 2



I note that you have also informed several of my Cabinet colleagues of alPHA's resolutions. I trust that the ministers will also take your organization's views into consideration.

Thank you again for the information.

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" and "M".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier