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Ms. Valerie Sterling
President
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA)
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Dear Ms. Sterling:

Thank you for writing to me regarding dental health programs for low-income Ontarians. I value your views and those of alPHA, and appreciate your taking the time to share them.

Our government remains committed to ensuring the best possible health services, including dental care, for Ontarians. This includes our \$45-million commitment to dental programs. We continue to work toward implementing the next phase of the program.

To date, besides enhancing the Children in Need of Treatment program, we have also improved dental care benefits for people receiving social assistance. As well, people with disabilities whose conditions impact on their oral health are eligible to receive additional coverage under the special dental care plan. The provincial government also shares with municipalities the cost of discretionary dental plan coverage offered by some municipal governments.

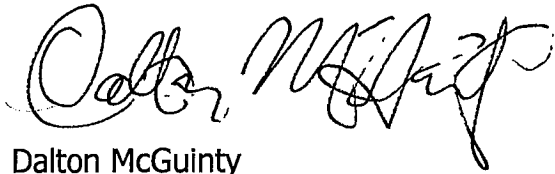
I appreciate the issues you raised. As they would also interest my colleague the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, I have passed along a copy of your correspondence to her for her information.

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Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dalton" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

c: The Honourable Deb Matthews