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Dear Ms. Stewart,

At its meeting held March 26, 2010, the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit considered the issue of the harmful effects of artificial tanning, in particular youth who are most susceptible to the damaging effects of UV radiation and who are often targeted by the industry to use their product. The Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit resolved as follows:

THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit support the Canadian Cancer Society's (Ontario Division) call for government action and join other professional bodies across Ontario such as the Canadian Dermatology Association and Cancer Care Ontario to encourage the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial tanning; and

THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit write to the Honourable Margaret Best, expressing their support for these measures and her stand on this issue; and

THAT this recommendation be forwarded to local members of provincial parliament, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and other Ontario Boards of Health.

We thank you for your consideration of this important public health matter and encourage you to support the Canadian Cancer Society's call to action to enact legislation that will ban access to tanning equipment for children under 18 years of age.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary W. Scripnick".

Gary Scripnick, Chair
Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit

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