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April 18, 2008

Via Electronic Mail

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Re: Retirement Homes

At its April 17, 2008 meeting, the Sudbury & District Board of Health passed the following motion #27-08:

WHEREAS there are estimated to be over 700 rest and retirement homes in Ontario including 12 within the Sudbury & District Health Unit boundaries; and

WHEREAS the health and well being of residents of rest and retirement homes need to be protected; and

WHEREAS there is no legislation directly pertaining to rest and retirement homes that requires retirement homes to register with their local boards of health; and

WHEREAS the Region of Durham Council passed a motion on March 5, 2008 and has submitted a letter dated March 7, 2008 to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty requesting the provincial government introduce legislation respecting retirement homes including requiring the registering of rest/retirement homes with the local board of health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury and District Board of Health support the Region of Durham Council's motion dated March 5, 2008; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ministers responsible for Seniors, Health and Long-Term Care, Health Promotion, Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area Members of Provincial Parliament and all Ontario Boards of Health.

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The Board seeks your attention and support in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

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c.: The Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Local Member of Provincial Parliament
The Honourable Michael Brown, Local Member of Provincial Parliament
The Honourable France G  linas, Local Member of Provincial Parliament
The Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion
The Honourable Aileen Carroll, Minister responsible for Seniors
The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
The Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Boards of Health

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