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June 25, 2009

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

Dear Premier McGuinty:

**Re: Board of Health Support for Provincial Government Action on the
Implementation of the \$135 Million Previously Committed for a Low Income Dental
Care Program**

Despite the provincial government's commitment to implement strategies to reduce child poverty, relatively little in terms of dental assistance currently exists to help low-income individuals in Windsor-Essex County and throughout Ontario. The Province promised \$135 million (\$45 million annually for three years) to assist with dental care for low-income families, especially children. Fourteen million has already been allocated to the 2009 Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) expansion, but there has been nothing recent announcing or hinting about the details of a low income dental plan.

At the June 18, 2009 Board of Directors meeting, the Board considered the above information and approved the following resolution:

"WHEREAS no person in Ontario should be in pain, especially when there are professionals and facilities available to render care; and

"WHEREAS the Health Unit is involved in the delivery of CINOT, early year development, and family health programming; and

"WHEREAS dental care is a basic requirement for human health and well-being;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit petition Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services, requesting action on the implementation of the \$135 million previously committed for a low income dental care program."

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

G. Allen Heimann, MD, MHSc
Medical Officer of Health and Board Secretary

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cc: The Honourable Deborah Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services
The Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
The Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Members of Provincial Parliament (Mr. Bruce Crozier, Mr. Dwight Duncan, Mr. Pat Hoy, Ms. Sandra Pupatello)
Members of Parliament (Mr. Joe Comartin, Mr. Brian Masse, Mr. Jeff Watson, Mr. Dave Van Kesteren)

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ccs (continued): Ms. Ronna Warsh, City Social Services
Ms. Connie Uetrecht, Executive Director, Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA)
Ms. Linda Stewart, Executive Director Public Health Issues, Association of Local Public Health
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Mayors and Council of all Windsor-Essex municipalities
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