

September 15, 2010

The Honourable Margaret Best
Minister – Minister's Office
Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor
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Dear Minister Best:

Re: Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning

The Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, at its meeting on September 15, 2010, endorsed the following recommendation advocating for the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public, and in particular youth, from the harmful effects of artificial tanning. It was recommended that the Board of Health correspond with the Minister of Health Promotion and Sport, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, all local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP), and all Ontario Boards of Health communicating its support for Bill 31, the *Skin Cancer Prevention Act, 2010* to prohibit selling or supplying tanning services or ultra-violet light treatment services to persons under the age of 19.

On behalf of the Board of Health, I urge you to ensure the Ontario Government takes the necessary steps to enact legislation that will ban access to tanning equipment for children under the age of 19 and protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial tanning.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Dennis Roughley
Chair, Board of Health

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