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Dr. Richard Musto
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Dear Dr. Musto:

Premier Doug Ford wrote to me on your behalf regarding the modernization of Ontario's public health system.

Our government is taking a comprehensive approach to modernizing Ontario's health care system, which includes a coordinated public health sector that is nimble, resilient, efficient, and responsive to the province's evolving health needs and priorities.

As part of our efforts, my ministry will change the cost-sharing arrangement with municipalities to reflect an increased municipal role through a phased approach. We will also establish 10 regional public health entities, governed by autonomous boards of health, by 2020-21.

Modernizing the way public health units are organized and funded will enable broader municipal engagement, more efficient and consistent service delivery, better alignment with the health care system, and more effective staff recruitment and retention to improve public health promotion and prevention. We will organize resources in a way that ensures we can deliver on our commitment to build a strong and sustainable health care system that is designed around the needs of patients.

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My ministry will work closely with each board of health and our municipal partners to ensure service delivery and the protection of the public's health are maintained at the local level. Consultation is also important, and my ministry will engage the public health and municipal sectors on these modernization plans, leading to the introduction of legislative changes in the fall.

As we begin this work, Ontarians can be confident that they can continue to contact their local public health units for programs and services. Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Elliott".

Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

c: Premier Doug Ford