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Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) I respectfully submit the attached document to the attention of the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance as our contribution to this year's submission to the 2008-09 pre-budget process.

OPHA has served as the voice of Ontario's public health sector since 1949. Through strategic collaborations with governments and partnerships with health units, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and community health centres, OPHA has succeeded in addressing the broader elements of health policy as well as a wide range of public health issues.

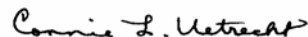
OPHA supports this government's commitment to improving Ontario's public health system by:

- maintaining the momentum of Operation Health Protection
- Addressing the Social and Economic Determinants of Health
- Investing in Strategies to Improve the Environmental Health

Although we were regretfully unable to make our presentation in person this year, as in previous years, we hope that the recommendations contained in this document will be actively considered and acted upon in the deliberations leading to the 2008-09 budget.

We will continue to work collaboratively with the government towards the protection and promotion of Ontario's greatest resource—the health and well being of its citizens. We look forward to an acknowledgement of this submission and we would welcome the opportunity to respond to any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,
Connie Uetrecht



Executive Director