

We are also hopeful that the Commission will provide opportunities for continued positive engagement between the Province and Consolidated Municipal Service Managers, individually as well as through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, in modernizing income security in Ontario. The Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review and the Province's long-term plan to upload the municipal share of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program costs are significant steps forward. We also welcome the Province's initiatives to date to improve social assistance for residents, including the establishment of the Ontario Child Benefit and the maintenance of the Special Diet Allowance.

We look forward to building on these successes as the Commission gets underway to develop recommendations for a reformed social assistance system in Ontario.

Should you have more questions or comments regarding this correspondence, please contact our Commissioner of Community and Health Services, Adelina Urbanski, at 905-830-4444, Extension 2023.

Yours truly,



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