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Mr. Emil Kolb
Chair, Peel Regional Board of Health

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Dear ^{Emil} Mr. Kolb:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the Board of Health, Dr. David Mowat and the entire staff of Regional Municipality of Peel Health Department for your commitment and dedication to public health and emergency preparedness, evidenced through public health's response to Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza.

Despite the challenges we all faced, your leadership and direction to Regional Municipality of Peel Health Department contributed to the effectiveness of public health's response to the H1N1 pandemic. In addition, measures taken by Dr. Mowat and the Regional Municipality of Peel Health Department staff, including the coordination of the H1N1 immunization program, surveillance activities and regular and timely communication with key stakeholders, enabled a successful response.

On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, I thank you for your unwavering efforts and commitment to public health and emergency preparedness. I would kindly ask that this letter be shared with all health unit staff involved in the response. Ontario is truly better prepared thanks to your important contributions and continued hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Deb Matthews

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