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Dear Mr. Kolb:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 2011 to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, regarding the National Immunization Strategy (Resolution No. 2011-129).

We appreciate your continued support for improving effectiveness of immunization programs and your interest in the National Immunization Registry.

As you are well aware, the National Immunization Strategy (NIS) is a federal, provincial, territorial initiative designed to achieve a collaborative approach to immunization in Canada. The NIS has the following five core components: development of national goals and recommendations for immunization programs, immunization program planning, vaccine safety, vaccine procurement and an immunization registry network. Within the framework of an immunization registry network it is expected that 14 separate registries will be established using standardized data collection and management tools. The 14 jurisdictions are at various stages of creating electronic systems.

Ontario is making improvements in public health information technology through "Panorama". Panorama is envisioned as a comprehensive, integrated public health information system that, once fully implemented, is intended to provide Ontario's public health professionals with a key step towards a common provincial immunization registry.

The ministry plans to undertake a phased roll-out of "Panorama" in health units across Ontario, beginning with immunization and inventory functionality in 2012. This spring, the ministry will formally kick-off the launch of the project. Further information will be provided at that time.

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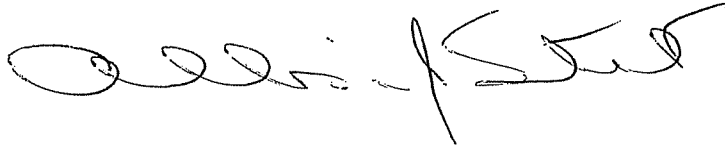
Mr. Kolb

Please be informed that the NIS is currently under review to make it more effective and efficient and Ontario is considered a key participant in this process. Some of the key areas under review include vaccine safety, immunization schedules, and vaccine supply/uptake.

The ministry appreciates the efforts you have made to bring the Resolution of Council to our attention and I hope you find this information helpful.

Should you have further questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Karen McKibbin, Director Panorama Project, at 416-326-7169 or via email at karen.mckibbin@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison J. Stuart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "S".

Allison J. Stuart
Assistant Deputy Minister

c: Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health, Peel Region
Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Karen McKibbin, Director Panorama Project

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Office of the Chair

March 9, 2011

Resolution No. 2011-129

The Honourable Deb Matthews
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
10th Floor, Hepburn Block
80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C4

Dear Minister ~~Matthews~~: *Deb*

Subject: Provincial and National Policies to Support Immunization Record Systems

At its meeting held on February 24, 2011, Peel Regional Council considered how several levels of governments might cooperate to support more effective programs of immunization. Council was made aware of several components of the National Immunization Strategy which have not yet been implemented, and of the recent findings of the Roundtable convened by the Canadian Public Health Association, which reinforce the need for concerted action. Council was particularly interested in the potential of a National Immunization Registry to render local immunization record systems more effective and efficient.

Accordingly, Council approved the following resolution:

"That a renewed National Immunization Strategy, and particularly the formation of a National Immunization Registry, be endorsed;

And further, that the Medical Officer of Health be directed to pursue the issue of the unique identifier with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Privacy Commissioner and the Panorama information management system project team to establish feasible and acceptable uses of the identifier and to incorporate these into the new system;

And further, that the Regional Chair write to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health, the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada and the Canadian Public Health Association with a copy to Peel area MPs and MPPs to communicate the need for a strengthened National Immunization Strategy".

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution. I look forward to your reply. Please quote the Region of Peel's reference number in your reply.

Sincerely,

Emil Kolb
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

c: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services
Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health