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Mr. Emil Kolb  
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer  
Regional Municipality of Peel  
10 Peel Centre Drive  
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Dear Mr. Kolb:

Thank you for your letter of September 29, 2011, forwarded by Premier Dalton McGuinty, about the Regional Municipality of Peel's resolution supporting the licensing of children's entertainers. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The Government of Ontario takes the issue of children's safety very seriously. Criminal record checks are an important safeguard to ensure employees and volunteers having contact with vulnerable members of society do not have criminal records. Several programs regulated by the government, such as within the education, health, and children and youth sectors, include the requirement for a criminal record or vulnerable sector check. We would encourage companies or individuals to request criminal record and vulnerable sector checks when hiring entertainers for children.

Again, thank you for sharing the Regional Council's resolution.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Meilleur  
Minister

c: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty  
Premier

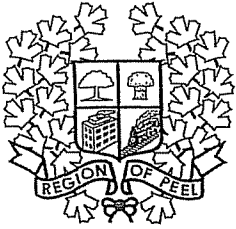
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## Office of the Chair

September 29, 2011

Resolution No. 2011-766

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty  
Premier of Ontario  
Room 281 Main Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty:

Subject: Licensing of Adult Children's Entertainers with Criminal Background Checks

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At its meeting on September 8, 2011, Regional Council received a delegation from Linda Beaudoin, Advocate for Children's Rights and Victims of Child Abuse, "survivorsspeakout.com", who shared compelling observations and research of convicted sex offenders who work as children entertainers, such as clowns and Santa Clauses, and to seek support to require licensing of adult children's entertainers with criminal background checks.

Subsequently, Peel Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting:

"That the Regional Chair send a letter to the Province of Ontario, on behalf of Regional Council, indicating the support of Regional Council for the licensing of any persons who work with vulnerable citizens, such as children and seniors."

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

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c: Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services