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February 27, 2018

Hon. Helena Jaczek  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
80 Grosvenor Street  
5th Floor, Hepburn Block  
Toronto, ON M7A 1R3

Dear Minister Jaczek,

**Re: Welcome from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa)**

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On behalf of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) and its Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health, Boards of Health Section and Affiliate Organizations, we are writing to congratulate you on your appointment as Ontario's Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and to re-introduce you to our Association.

alPHa, as you are aware, is a non-profit organization that provides leadership to the boards of health and public health units in Ontario. Membership in alPHa is open to the 36 public health units in Ontario and we work closely with board of health members, medical and associate medical officers of health, and senior public health managers in each of the public health disciplines – nursing, inspections, nutrition, dentistry, health promotion, epidemiology and business administration.

The Association also collaborates with governments and other health organizations, advocating for a strong, effective and efficient public health system in the province. Through policy analysis, discussion, collaboration, and advocacy, alPHa's members and staff act to promote public health policies that form a strong foundation for the improvement of health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and surveillance services in all of Ontario's communities.

A short while ago, alPHa sent Ontario's political party leaders, health critics, and the previous Minister of Health and Long-Term Care a set of policy priorities and key messages in anticipation of the 2018 provincial election on Tobacco Endgame, Oral Health for Adults, Universal Pharmacare, Cannabis Legalization, and Opioids Strategy. I would like to share these with you and copies are attached.

We look forward to discussing the transformation of Ontario's health system with you. We are pleased to extend an invitation to you to meet with our Board of Directors during its next meeting that is taking place in Toronto on April 13th 2018. We would also be pleased to have members of our Executive meet you and your staff at another time. To confirm your availability for our Board of Directors' meeting or to schedule a meeting, please have your staff contact Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, alPHa, at [loretta@alphaweb.org](mailto:loretta@alphaweb.org) or 647-325-9594.

Sincerely,



Carmen McGregor  
President

**Copy:** Dr. Bob Bell, Deputy Minister, Health and Long-Term Care; Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health; Roselle Martino, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Division; Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Chair, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH); Trudy Sachowski, Chair, alPHa Boards of Health Section.