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the public health  
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Ms. Andrea Horwath  
Leader  
Ontario New Democratic Party  
Room 113, Main Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A5

Dear Ms. Horwath,

**Re: ALPHA Election Policy Priorities**

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On behalf of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) and its member Medical Officers of Health, Boards of Health and Affiliate organizations, I am writing today to request a meeting with you and your advisors to discuss public health election policy priorities. These priorities are attached for your information and may also be viewed online [here](#).

ALPHA believes that preventive action in tobacco, adult oral health, universal pharmacare, cannabis, and opioids will go a long way in helping to protect the health on Ontarians. Current trends in the health profile of the population show that now is the time to collectively address critical public health issues that have a wide and long-lasting impact.

Fortunately, government can play a powerful role in improving the health outcomes of its people. Our association is asking that all members of the Legislative Assembly and election candidates consider the enclosed actions as the election campaign process gets underway. ALPHA representatives would be more than pleased to have a dialogue with you on how to better Ontarians' health in these critical areas.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet. Please contact ALPHA executive director Loretta Ryan directly to set up a meeting. She may be reached at (416) 595-0006 ext. 22, [loretta@alphaweb.org](mailto:loretta@alphaweb.org)

Yours sincerely,

Carmen McGregor,  
ALPHA President

*Attachment*