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**Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
Winter 2019 Symposium**

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Dear friends,

I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone attending the Winter 2019 Symposium – and to welcome the new board of health members.

Your association provides tremendous leadership to our boards of health and public health units. As partners, your continued collaboration helps us to shape a public health system in this province that is both effective and efficient.

Our government made a promise to build a sustainable health care system that is centred around the patient. We are committed to ending hallway health care and developing a comprehensive and connected mental health and addictions system in Ontario.

Working with and listening to our partners, like the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, will help us find other innovative solutions to build a public health care system that truly works for the people of Ontario.

I want to thank your association for your important contributions to health care in Ontario and to the clients who rely on you. I look forward to working with you in the months to come.

I wish you all an informative and enjoyable symposium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine J. Elliott".

Christine Elliott  
Minister