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Ms. Anne Maxwell
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Dear Ms. Maxwell:

This letter is in support of the Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCF) application for funding from Health Canada's Population Health Fund.

The Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) believes that the CCCF initiative is both timely and important. The project addresses the emerging need for a wide range of practitioners to be engaged and educated regarding issues of children's environmental health. In addition, the approach of raising awareness, educating, and directing practitioners to a consistent source of up-to-date information -relevant to the Canadian context - and creating a sustainable on-line network represents an effective model of community engagement at the national level. The use of active on-line networks as information-sharing and capacity-building mechanisms, in particular, is an efficient, cost-effective way to maintain and further build levels of engagement across sectors and geographic regions.

OPHA's involvement with this project will be to facilitate access to our networks and constituent societies, provide in-kind expertise and support, through our Environmental Health Program staff and members of the Environmental Health and the Child Health Working Groups, and to promote the project and its activities through our website, publications, events and other activities.

Founded in 1949, the OPHA is a voluntary, charitable, non-profit association with a mission to provide leadership on issues affecting the public's health and to strengthen the impact of people who are active in public and community health in Ontario. The OPHA represents over 3000 individuals and constituent societies from various sectors and disciplines working in public and community health throughout Ontario. Public health includes health promotion, disease prevention, health protection and population health strategies aimed at improving the determinants of health for individuals and communities.

The OPHA has great confidence in the CCCF's ability to successfully implement this project. The CCCF is an active member of The Canadian Partnership for Children's Health and Environment (CPCHE) and has demonstrated considerable expertise in partnership development, planning, outreach, communications and promotion, website development, health promotion, education and networking. CCCF is a national organization that has a solid commitment to the goal of improving children's environmental health in Canada, recognizes the importance of addressing issues of children's environmental health across multiple sectors, and is willing and able to take action.

The OPHA looks forward to participating in the implementation of this initiative.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Leach
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