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The mission of OPHA is 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 throughout Ontario.

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 Chair, Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health
 (OSNPPH)
 c/o Toronto Public Health

Lindsay Davidson
 Chair, OSNPPH Food Security Workgroup
 c/o Chatham-Kent Public Health

Dear Ms. Vaccari and Ms. Davidson,

I am writing to formally confirm the Ontario Public Health Association's support for the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health (OSNPPH) Position Statement on Responses to Food Insecurity.

OPHA recognizes that food insecurity is a significant deterrent to the health of an individual and the whole community. We acknowledge that access to food depends on various factors such as adequate income, affordable housing and geographic location and the need to create supportive environments and health promoting public policies. Furthermore, we recognize that the root cause of food insecurity is poverty, which needs to be addressed to create a healthy population. We endorse your approach of calling for new income measures to tackle food insecurity in our province.

Given the importance of raising awareness and promoting engagement, please feel free to post this letter of support on your website. We value the expertise of OSNPPH and its members and welcome the opportunity to collaborate with you to raise awareness and influence action on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Pegeen Walsh
 Executive Director