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Dear Dr. King.

The Ontario Public Health Association would like to join alPHa in supporting a renewed government commitment to move forward on the Panorama project. The recent H1N1 pandemic demonstrated, once again, that our current public health information systems are inadequate and antiquated. The public health field could only imagine how improved our response could have been had the promise of Panorama been realized in Ontario and at a national level.

We need to ensure that we have Panorama back on track to provide us with the tools to better respond to the next public health emergency. We would also like to add our support to the list of priorities for Panorama development and implementation which was recently submitted to you by the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health. These include a link to OLIS and the OAHPP Laboratory Information Systems, a link to the larger electronic medical record system, a link to the school immunization program and a real-time reporting system with access to all fields.

Our Association believes that an investment in Panorama will provide the public health community with the tools to best protect the public's health.

Sincerely,

Liz Haugh, President

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