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Roselle Martino
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Dear Ms. Martino,

I am writing in response to your ministry's recent posting of Amendments to Regulations made under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, in particular those related to Schedule 3 of *Bill 160, the Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act*. OPHA is supportive of these measures aimed at furthering public health modernization.

Specifically, OPHA is supportive of the changes to the Public Pools Regulation, for example, which combines the pool regulations and spa regulations, and now includes additional recreational water settings (specifically, splash/spray pads, water slide receiving basins and wading pools). These regulatory supports will assist public health units in ensuring community health and safety, and meeting requirements under the Ontario Public Health Standards to reduce public exposure to recreational water related illnesses and hazards.

Our organization also supports the Ministry's proposal to regulate personal service settings (e.g. tattoo parlours, nail salons, barber shops, etc.) in order to best protect Ontario residents from infectious diseases and ensure appropriate infection, prevention and control practices are in place at these facilities. OPHA would be pleased to review and provide comments on the proposed Personal Service Setting Regulation when it becomes available.

In terms of Reg. 553 – Areas Comprising Health Units and Reg. 559 - Designation of Municipal Members of Boards of Health, OPHA appreciates the interest of the health units identified to merge and the resulting need to change the name of these health units. OPHA also recognizes the importance of reviewing the list of diseases of public health significance to ensure it reflects the latest evidence and best practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and your consideration of our feedback

Yours sincerely,



Pegeen Walsh
Executive Director

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