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Honourable Laurel J. Broten MPP
Ministry of Children and Youth Services
14th Floor, 56 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M5S 2S3

Dear Minister:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), and the OPHA Food Security Workgroup. OPHA represents over 3,500 public health practitioners through individual memberships and 11 constituent societies. OPHA's mission is to provide leadership on issues affecting the public's health, and its Food Security Workgroup advocates for a healthy and safe food supply.

OPHA supports the call from the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health (OSNPPH) in their letter of March 2, 2010 to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services which urges revisions to the Nutrition Section in the Day Nurseries Act (DNA).

OPHA recognizes the DNA for its important part in providing mandatory guidelines for sufficient and nutritious food for growing infants and children. We recommend that the Ministry develop nutrition standards that reflect Health Canada's most recent food guide, *Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide* www.hcsc.gc.ca/fn-an/food-giode-aliment/index-eng.php.

We urge that you involve registered dietitians representing OSNPPH in revisions and on-going implementation of the DNA Nutrition Section. They possess expertise in nutrition for infants and children as well as experience in working with parents and child care centres.

Further, we reiterate OSNPPH's encouragement to the Ministry to ease the process of future revisions in the interest of keeping the Nutrition Section current to nutrition standards. These include separating the Nutrition Section details from the act and including them as an electronically-based supporting document.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Kim Ouellette, Co-Chair of the OPHA Food Security Workgroup, at 905-688-8248 ext. 7322 or kim.ouellette@niagararegion.ca.

Sincerely

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