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Mr. Gary R. Champagne  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Manitoulin – Sudbury District  
Social Services Administration Board  
210 Mead Boulevard  
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Dear Mr. Champagne:

Thank you for sending me the board's resolution of support for the recommendations in the position paper, *NOSDA and The Northern Growth Plan*. You can be sure I have shared this information with the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, and Brad Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Growth Secretariat.

The development of the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario is a major step forward. The plan will strengthen the region's ability to attract and sustain growth so that people of all ages can live, work and raise families in the North. The reason the growth plan is inspiring such confidence in the future is the quality of participation in its creation – including the active role taken by your organization. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanna Zagar".

Susanna Zagar  
Associate Deputy Minister

c: Hon. George Smitherman, Minister  
Brad Graham