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Mr. Gary Scripnick
Chair
Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association
180 Brock Street
Sault Ste. Marie ON P6A 3B7

Dear Mr. Scripnick:

Mr. Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound–Muskoka, has recently forwarded to the former Minister, the Honourable Jim Bradley, a copy of NOSDA's resolution dated May 18, 2010 requesting the inclusion of the District of Parry Sound in the Northern component of the 2009 Extension to the Canada–Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP). I am responding on behalf of the ministry.

To begin, let me congratulate you on the success of your recent Annual General Meeting.

I fully recognize the concerns of NOSDA's members. As you are aware, for the purpose of AHP's Northern component, Northern areas are defined as those that are north of the French River – including Nipissing District but excluding Indian reserves. This designation is consistent with the Affordable Housing Program Agreement. At this point in the program, we are not in a position to make a change to the definition.

The District of Parry Sound has been an able participant in other components of AHP programs. In fact, the District of Parry Sound has been approved for nearly \$4 million in total funding under the Rental and Homeownership components.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Bartolucci".

Rick Bartolucci, MPP, Sudbury
Minister

c: Mr. Norm Miller, MPP
Parry Sound–Muskoka