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Ms. Leslie Gamble
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Dear Ms. Gamble: *Leslie*

Thank you very much for your letter and for the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Business Case regarding Non-Urgent Patient Transfers. I greatly appreciate the work of the Board and I acknowledge the difficulties that patients and passengers encounter in dealing with these types of transfers. Your work in this area is greatly valued and has been shared with the appropriate ministry staff that will review and consider the Board's perspective as we continue to work to ensure that all Ontarians receive the health care services that they need.

As you know, and indirectly related to your request, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Transportation are examining the regulation of non-ambulance medical transportation. In this regard, I have asked that the Health System Strategy and Policy Division of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care contact you as a part of its consultation activities related to the regulation of non-ambulance medical transportation.

If you have not already done so, I also encourage you to share the Board's Business Case with your local LHIN, for review and feedback.

Again, thank you for preparing the business case for the ministry. Please convey to the members of the board my gratitude for their hard work and their initiative in developing strong, detailed business case for consideration.

Sincerely,

Deb Matthews

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c: North East Local Health Integration Network