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Mr. Iain Angus
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Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association
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Dear Mr. Iain Angus:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and other representatives of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association at the 2015 annual conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. I appreciated the opportunity to hear your concerns about possible changes by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) to premium rate setting practices, and the implications for district social services administration boards.

As you are aware, in March 2015, the WSIB released its Rate Framework Reform Paper 3, which is based on Mr. Douglas Stanley's recommendations in the final *Pricing Fairness* report. The preliminary rate framework's classification structure proposes to classify employers that have multiple business activities in a single class, whichever is their predominant one. The WSIB suggests that would be the class representing the largest percentage of an employer's annual insurable earnings.

The recommendations of the Rate Framework Reform Paper 3 are not final, and the WSIB is providing interested parties with opportunities to express their views. It has extended the submission deadline to October 2, 2015. In addition, the WSIB is offering to hold technical or working group sessions with stakeholders to support full understanding of the proposed framework, and discuss their particular questions or concerns. I would encourage you to consider such an engagement.

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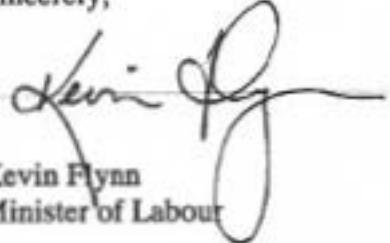
You may also wish to contact Mrs. Elizabeth Witmer, Chair of the WSIB, directly regarding your concerns. You may contact her office as follows:

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Once again, thank you for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss matters of concern to the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Flynn".

Kevin Flynn
Minister of Labour

c: Mrs. Elizabeth Witmer, Chair, WSIB