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Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos
Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
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Dear Minister Duclos,

Portable Housing Benefit

I write to share concerns raised by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) about the new calculation methodology used for the Provincial Portable Housing Benefit (please find attached a copy of the letter from July 9, 2018).

You will note that they raise concern regarding the new calculation which does not take into consideration the actual rent, heat, hydro, and other utility costs paid by a tenant. This new formula would especially impact small rural areas and remote communities in Northern Ontario whose existing resources are already being used to maximum capacity.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB encourages the adoption of a more flexible calculation method by the Federal and Provincial governments in order to account for the circumstances of Northern Ontario communities.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration and I trust that you will respond accordingly.

Sincerely,

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