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Les Gamble, Chair
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
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Dear Mayor Gamble,

Thank you for including me in your correspondence to Minister Duclos expressing the concerns of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board regarding the new provincial calculation methodology for Portable Housing Benefits – Special Priority Policy (PHB-SPP).

I wholeheartedly support your request that both the Federal and Provincial governments take into account the true cost of shelter in northern communities, and for the Portable Housing Benefit formula design to reflect the realities of the region.

I have shared your correspondence with the NDP Critic for Housing, Sheri Benson, so that her office is aware of your concerns as well. As we work towards the creation of a National Housing Benefit and a National Housing strategy, we must keep in mind the actual costs of living in the varying communities across our country, as well as the fact that housing allowances must be implemented as part of a comprehensive housing strategy which much include the creation of new affordable rental housing.



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Thank you again for including me in your correspondence and for keeping me apprised of the happenings at the MSDSB meetings.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Michael Mantha, MPP (Algoma-Manitoulin)
Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Housing Ontario