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Les Gamble  
Chair  
Manitoulin-Sudbury Services Administration Board  
210 Mead Boulevard  
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9

Dear Les Gamble:

I would like to thank you and Fern Dominelli, Chief Administrative Officer, for taking the time to meet with my Parliamentary Assistant Parm Gill at the 2019 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa. Maintaining a strong relationship with our municipal partners is a top priority for our government as your input and knowledge of local matters are important as we tackle big challenges ahead.

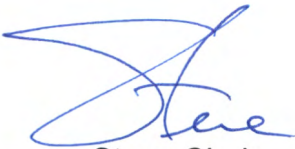
PA Gill shared with me the board's request for a portable housing benefit program that recognizes the flexibility that the DSSAB has in place under its Direct Shelter Subsidy program. I also understand that you shared the board's difficulty in building new housing and requested access to more capital funding.

I understand that the board has concerns with the average market rent calculation, and that Jim Adams, Director, Housing Programs Branch, will be in touch with your CAO to further discuss this matter.

If you or your staff would like to discuss these matters further, ministry staff would be pleased to assist. Please feel free to contact Cindy Couillard, Housing Team Lead in the Northern (Sudbury) Municipal Services Office at 705-564-6808 or [cindy.couillard@ontario.ca](mailto:cindy.couillard@ontario.ca). You can also contact my Senior Policy Advisor for Housing, Alex Earthy ([Alex.Earthy@ontario.ca](mailto:Alex.Earthy@ontario.ca)).

Once again, thank you for meeting with PA Gill at the 2019 AMO Conference. Municipalities are on the front lines and play a vital role in the lives of people across the province. I am committed to working with you and know how important it is that we continue to listen and work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Clark', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Steve Clark  
Minister

- c. Parm Gill, the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Housing)