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Mr. George Bridge Chair, Board of Health Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health 160 Chancellors Way Guelph ON N1G 0E1

Dear Mr. Bridge:

Thank you for writing to me regarding access to naloxone kits.

I appreciate the public health unit's support for expanding naloxone access to Ontarians at risk of opioid overdose, as well as their friends and families, through eligible organizations.

Making naloxone kits available through access points like community organizations and pharmacies allows emergency medical services to focus on responding to emergencies and providing direct patient care. The ministry will continue to monitor access to naloxone and outreach supports for people who use drugs.

I appreciate the time you have taken to share your suggestion, and I will take it into consideration as we continue to address opioid use in Ontario.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Christine Elliott

Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

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