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The Hon. Christine Elliott
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Dr. Kieran Moore
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Dear Minister and Dr. Moore,

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Wellington-Halton Hills, I am writing to express my support of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Board's (WDGPH), request for equalization of base funding levels.

In their letter, Chair Bridge expresses the Board's appreciation for the support and financial assistance that the Ministry has provided during the COVID-19 pandemic and how this has significantly helped curb the virus in our area. During the last two years, Dr. Nicola Mercer and the WDGPH have provided tremendous leadership during these difficult times.

Mr. Bridge also points out that despite these achievements, the WDGPH's current cost shared budget is 61% Ministry and 39% Municipal, and WDGPH is one of only five public health units across Ontario that is funded below the 70%-30% split. Their exiting budget is facing significant pressure to deliver important health programs and services, due to increased population growth and inflationary costs.

WDGPH's request for increased base funding will help address the existing funding shortfall and bring them to 70/30 funding levels. This will also assist in post-pandemic service needs throughout our communities.

Again, I want to express my support of this request and know that you and your staff will do whatever you can to assist.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Arnott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ted" being more prominent than the last name "Arnott".

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