

July 28, 2006

The Honourable George Smitherman
Minister of Health and Long Term Care
Office of the Minister
Hepburn Block
10th Floor
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Dear Minister Smitherman:

At its June 29, 2006, the Middlesex-London Board of Health considered **Report No. 099-06 re Key Findings Released from the North American Conference on UV, Vitamin D and Health** and passed the following resolution:

That the provincial government be petitioned to pass legislation requesting the use of artificial tanning equipment in a manner consistent with the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended criteria which include:

- *Restrict age of access/use to greater than 18 years of age,*
- *Require client consent forms for all operations,*
- *Post specific warning notices in the salon as well as on all equipment,*
- *Post maximum exposure times,*
- *Establish and monitor a minimum interval between consecutive exposures (via detailed client records),*
- *Restrict any clients with a fair skin (type 1) from access, based on Client Consent Form data.*
- *Require compulsory eyewear for all users,*
- *Require mandatory annual training for operators and staff,*
- *Prohibit the advertising of health benefit claims,*
- *Prohibit sale/use of tanning accelerator products,*
- *Maintain sanitary conditions and infection control of equipment and facilities, and*
- *Ban all freestanding equipment, allowing only operator-controlled equipment.*

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A copy of this report is attached for your information. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Kaylene McKinnon, Public Health Nurse at 519-663-5317, ext. 2246.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. Dr. Cheryl Rosen
Chair, Ontario Sun Safety Working Group