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Minister Deb Matthews  
Ministry of Health & Long Term Care  
Minister - MINISTER'S OFFICE  
Hepburn Block, 10th Floor  
80 Grosvenor St  
Toronto ON M7A2C

Dear Minister Matthews:

We are writing today to seek clarification on a very important question for our communities. As you know, the majority of Public Health Units across Ontario are administered by their representative municipalities. In Middlesex-London, we would also like to proceed toward the implementation of a municipally administered Public Health Unit in an effort to achieve cost savings, create economies of scale and to ensure that funding levels for public health programs in our region are sustained, while leaving the current governance structure intact.

Prior to moving forward, we wanted to gain clarification on the authority of the local funders (The County of Middlesex and the City of London) to implement a new administrative model for the delivery of public health programs in our community. Specifically, we are requesting your confirmation that the County of Middlesex and the City of London can simply provide notice to the Middlesex-London Health Unit that on a specific date, the County and the City will be implementing a municipally administered model for the Middlesex-London Health Unit and that the municipalities have the authority to take all necessary actions to implement this model.

We thank you for your attention to this request and we look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Mayor Joe Fontana  
City of London

Warden Jim Maudsley  
County of Middlesex