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Attention: Valerie Jaeger, President

Via email: [info@alphaweb.org](mailto:info@alphaweb.org)

Dear Dr. Jaeger,

On behalf of the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health (OSNPPH), we are writing to extend our sincere appreciation for ALPHA's endorsement of our Position Statement on Responses to Food Insecurity and your letter dated January 15, 2016 Re: OSNPPH Position Statement on Responses to Food Insecurity to Hon. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

OSNPPH highly values the integrity that ALPHA's endorsement brings to our Position Statement. The letter to Minister Hoskins validates the key messages of our Position Statement; specifically, the need for an income response and that government policy interventions on income can have a direct and immediate impact to effectively alleviate food insecurity. OSNPPH is most grateful for ALPHA's advocacy to the Ontario government on our behalf.

The Position Statement continues to receive positive support, with over 130 endorsements to date. OSNPPH has been collaborating with the Ontario Public Health Association and the ALPHA-OPHA Health Equity Working Group and delivered a successful webinar on June 2 on our Position Statement which aimed to further reinforce the importance of an income approach to addressing food insecurity.

OSNPPH continues to seek opportunities for provincial collaboration, including representation on the ALPHA-OPHA Health Equity Working Group. We commend ALPHA's leadership to address social inequities in health in Ontario and remain dedicated to support and contribute to these efforts.

Sincerely,

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cc. Tracy Allan-Koester, OSNPPH Liaison ALPHA Board of Directors