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Re: Response to Draft 2 of the Nutrition for Healthy Term Infants by Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health.

The Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health (OSNPPH) is the independent and official voice of Registered Dietitians in public health in Ontario. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the second draft of Nutrition for Healthy Term Infants. Our members look to Health Canada to provide up-to-date guidance regarding the feeding of infants and children and we are pleased to provide input into this process.

We recognize the improvements that have been made from the previous draft. In particular, we are pleased that the "In Practice" section contains relevant information and advice that is practical for health care professionals.

As you will see in our attached comments, we have continued concerns regarding key elements of the document, in particular the ambiguity in the language regarding the age to introduce complementary foods, the level of iron in infant formula and the discussion of vitamin D supplementation.

Please find attached our complete response. If you require further information or clarification of our statements, please feel free to contact Amy MacDonald at amacdonald@huroncounty.ca.

Regards,

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