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Dr. Judy Sheeshka
Chair of the Board of Directors
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Dear Dr. Sheeshka:

Ontario Dietitians in Public Health (ODPH) would like to take this opportunity to thank and commend the Board of Directors and staff of Dietitians of Canada on the creation of the new national website, UnlockFood.ca. The decision by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care to discontinue Eat Right Ontario generated many concerns for ODPH members working in the public health sector.

ODPH is the independent and official voice of Registered Dietitians (RDs) working in Ontario's public health system. ODPH members apply evidence-informed nutrition information to enable healthy eating at every stage of life; advocate for and provide support to create food policies and healthier eating environments; as well as implement and evaluate nutrition education and skill-building programs. As members of the College of Dietitians of Ontario, ODPH's RDs are credible food and nutrition experts who are uniquely qualified to promote healthy eating at the population-level.

We greatly appreciate that Dietitians of Canada has made it possible for us to continue to share a centralized and trusted resource repository with the Ontario public, through UnlockFood.ca. Your commitment to UnlockFood.ca helps to ensure that ODPH members are able to focus on the upstream work required in the Ontario Public Health Standards (2018).

Sincerely,

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