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Dear Dr. Cohen:

Thank you for your letter regarding chiropractors, Family Health Teams and Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs). I value your views and am grateful to you for sharing them. I, too, regret that I was unable to attend your reception late last year and hope it was a great success.

As you may know, the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006*, received Royal Assent on March 28. The LHINs will give communities and health care providers the opportunity to work together to identify local priorities, plan health services and deliver them in an integrated way. The LHINs will be run by local people — in the best interests of the local population — and will enable residents to receive the best possible services. Our government's objectives are simple: to have a public health care system that is accountable and equitable, and where decisions are made with patients in mind.

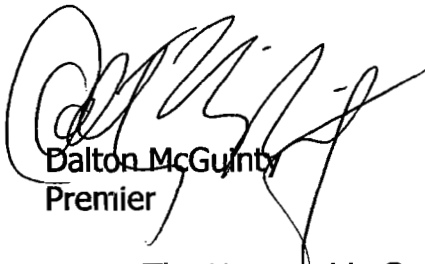
I appreciate the points you raised about including chiropractors in Family Health Teams and LHINs. As these issues would best be addressed by the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, I have asked him to respond to you directly.

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Dr. Cohen, thanks again for writing. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with you, your fellow health care professionals and all Ontarians to reform and revitalize health care so that it more effectively meets the needs of people provincewide. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dalton McGuinty', written over a printed name and title.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

c: The Honourable George Smitherman