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Dear partner in health care:

Today it was my pleasure to announce Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care – our government's strategy to address current challenges and ensure the future of our universal health care system.

Premier Dalton McGuinty and I have a clear vision of making Ontario the healthiest place in North America to grow up and grow old. Our health system partners – like you – have given us advice and we listened. There's a clear consensus forming about what must be done. This Action Plan represents our intentions to make that vision a reality.

Together, we've already built a strong foundation for a better health care system. I'm very proud of what we have achieved together, but the new challenges that lie ahead cannot be ignored.

Those challenges are real and they are serious: the province's fiscal situation and the demands of a growing and aging population. We need to make changes that put patients first and get better value for our health dollars – and we need to act now.

This Action Plan builds on the progress we have made over the last eight years. The attached materials outline our vision and how we will get there.

I know I can count on your support as we move forward with these significant changes.

Thank you for your dedication and your on-going commitment to work with us to improve the system we all cherish, so that it's there for us, our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Deb Matthews'.

Deb Matthews
Minister

Enclosure