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The Honourable Olivia Chow
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Dear Ms. Chow:

On behalf of the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health, I would like to congratulate you and the other founders of the Children's Health and Nutrition Initiative for your advocacy and support of a nationally funded food program to reduce hunger and obesity in children and youth.

OSNPPH is the independent and official voice of Registered Dietitians in public health in Ontario representing over 140 members working in every public health unit in the province. Preventing childhood obesity and food insecurity have been identified as priorities for health units province-wide and are some of the most important issues that our members are tackling on a daily basis.

The development of the Children's Health and Nutrition Initiative is an important step forward toward adequately funded, well-resourced, and nutritionally sound programs. We would like to lend our support and expertise in this important national issue targeting children and youth.

Sincerely,

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