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Dear Ms. Page:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding calorie labelling. I have noted your comments about menu labelling legislation.

My ministry is looking into the matter of legislating calorie labelling, including the issues you identified in your letter, and we will take them into consideration as we proceed. We will be working with our partners to develop solutions that support Ontarians in making healthy food choices and improving the overall health of our province.

This government is creating a healthier Ontario. We have developed a strong foundation for healthier families by promoting good food choices, addressing childhood obesity and promoting physical activity. Our initiatives include:

- supporting healthy eating through the *Healthy Food for Healthy Schools Act, 2008*, which eliminates unhealthy trans fat from food and beverages sold in schools;
- establishing EatRight Ontario, a province-wide service that gives Ontarians access to free information about nutrition and healthy eating;
- providing funding to EatSmart!, an award program that recognizes workplaces, school cafeterias and recreation centres that meet exceptional standards in safe food-handling and healthy food choices; and,
- investing almost \$65 million in programming to support local, fresh Ontario food initiatives and to encourage local organizations and businesses to promote and carry Ontario food products.

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I appreciate receiving your input and have asked ministry staff to review your recommendations closely. Thank you again for writing, and for your efforts to assist Ontarians in making informed and healthy food choices.

Sincerely,



Margarett Best
Minister