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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent correspondence dated August 2, 2011 to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, regarding the regulation of homeopathy in Ontario. Your letter has been forwarded to me for response, as my Branch is responsible for matters concerning the regulated health professions in Ontario.

The purpose of self-regulation under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA) is to protect the public from incompetent and unqualified individuals and to promote informed consumer choice. The process being undertaken to establish a regulatory framework for the profession, by the transitional Council of the College of Homeopaths of Ontario (transitional Council), is consistent with the process that other health regulatory colleges have experienced in the past.

During this transitional phase, the transitional Council has the authority to develop regulations and policies necessary to govern the profession. In developing regulations, the transitional Council is required to consult with its members and other interested stakeholders, and will consider all feedback received prior to approving the regulations. You may wish to provide your comments related to the education and competence of practitioners to the transitional Council directly at:

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Mr. [REDACTED]

You have indicated in your correspondence that it is important that your homeopath be able to work in collaboration with other health care professionals. The ministry has taken steps to support interprofessional collaboration among health colleges and regulated health professionals. You may be interested to know that HealthForceOntario, the province's health human resources strategy, has identified interprofessional care as an important factor in meeting its objective of ensuring that Ontarians have access to the right number and mix of qualified healthcare providers.

Since the inception of the HealthForceOntario strategy, there has been significant progress made towards the promotion of interprofessional collaboration. For example, the *Health System Improvements Act, 2007* amended the RHPA to mandate the regulatory colleges to engage in interprofessional collaboration with other health regulatory colleges. Additionally, the *Regulated Health Professions Statute Law Amendment Act, 2009* amended the RHPA and relevant health profession Acts by adding a focus on interprofessional collaboration to the colleges' Quality Assurance programs.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours truly,

for: 
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