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Mr. Gordon Cheesbrough
Chair - Board of Directors
North York General Hospital
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Dear Mr. *Gordon* Cheesbrough:

I am pleased to inform you of the Ontario government's commitment to fund \$30 million Patient/Employee Safety and Infection Control in 2005/06.

This funding is intended to better prepare Ontario to manage health emergencies, and to provide ongoing protection of patients and staff. This commitment will be achieved through the recruitment of qualified Infection Control Practitioners and by providing training and improved working conditions for health care workers. Funding will also be used to establish two more Regional Infection Control Networks in order to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases within healthcare facilities, bringing the total of funded Infection Control Networks up to ten.

In addition to the monies you have already received for 2005/06, your hospital will receive additional funding of \$700,000 for the development of a Regional Infection Control Network for the Central LHIN area.

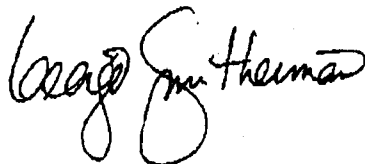
An administrative letter will be sent to your organization shortly outlining the ministry's terms, conditions and expectations, including a sign-back agreement for this funding.

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Mr. Gordon Cheesbrough

Thank you for your participation in this important initiative.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Smitherman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "George" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Smitherman".

George Smitherman
Minister

c: David Zimmer, MPP Willowdale
Ms. Bonnie Adamson, President and Chief Executive Officer
Ken Morrison, Board Chair, Central Local Health Integration Network
