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Dear Mr. Smitherman,

At its Regular Meeting of April 29, 2005, the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit passed the attached resolution in support of Thunder Bay District Health Unit's resolution 05-20 regarding Mandatory Vaccine Against Influenza for Health Care Workers.

The Porcupine Health Unit recognizes the extreme importance of Influenza vaccination among health care workers (HCW). In support of the attempts to curb the spread of potentially-lethal respiratory diseases such as SARS, the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit passed the enclosed resolution supporting mandatory annual vaccination for all HCW in Ontario.

The Ontario Health Pandemic Influenza Plan, currently used by health units as a template to formulate local plans, clearly states the importance of universal influenza vaccination to boost immunity levels in the population

Sincerely,

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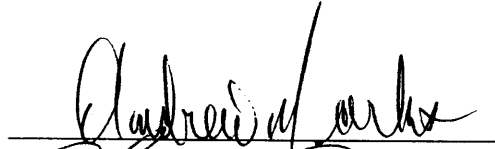
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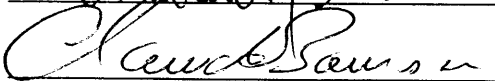
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THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit support the resolution of the Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit requesting that the Province ~~se~~ require mandatory annual vaccination against influenza for all health care workers in Ontario through legislation; and

THAT the Board of Health write to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care stating its support for this position; and

FURTHER THAT the Premier of Ontario, Local MPPs, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, ALPHA and all Ontario Boards of Health be so advised.

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