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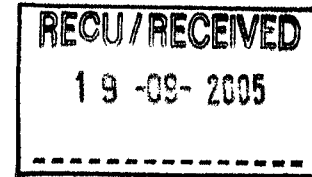
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Mr. Michael Garrett
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Dear Mr. Garrett:

Last year, the McGuinty government unveiled an ambitious health reform plan. I would like to thank you for your continuing effort and co-operation in working with my Ministry to improve Ontario's health care system.

The success of our reform plan is dependent on our enhancement of resources to strengthen care in the community to relieve pressure on hospitals and improve health outcomes. To this end, the government is pleased to advise you that it will continue to meet its commitment to share in the approved costs of salaries and wages for land ambulance operations, delivering the best kind of care to Ontarians where they need it most.

Total funding for Emergency Health Services is approximately \$491.9M for 2005/06.

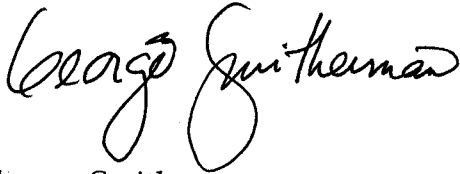
Your organization's share of this new 2005/06 funding is as follows:

- Land Ambulance Services Grant, salaries and wages incremental increase: \$138,199.

Your increased funding will be initiated shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to again convey my sincere appreciation for the considerable contributions all members of your organization make in the provision of health services in your communities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "George Smitherman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "George" and last name "Smitherman" clearly distinguishable.

George Smitherman
Minister

- c: Mary Kardos Burton, ADM, Acute Services Division
- Malcolm Bates, Director, Emergency Health Services Branch
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