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Mr. Denis Kelly
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The Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 21, 2010, concerning York Region's Community and Health Services Committee report, "Review of H1N1 Response."

I appreciate your taking the time to draw my attention to this report, which offers valuable insight into York Region's response to the H1N1 influenza pandemic. The skill and dedication demonstrated by scientists, health care professionals, and government health authorities throughout the pandemic did much to mitigate the impact of the virus on communities across the country.

Indeed, the H1N1 flu mass immunization campaign was the largest vaccination campaign in Canadian history and, as the report indicates, was not without its challenges. These challenges present a unique opportunity for all levels of government to review best practices to further strengthen our nation's capacity to respond to an influenza outbreak in the future.

Once again, thank you for sharing this information with the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Sincerely,

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c.c. Ms. A. Urbanski, Commissioner of Community and Health Services
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