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Commissioner of Health Services and
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Dear Dr. Jaczek:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 16, 2005, addressed to the Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health, concerning the Regional Municipality of York's resolution concerning alcohol and drug use in youth.

In 2003, the Government of Canada launched Canada's Renewed Drug Strategy. The strategy is intended to prevent and deal with problems arising from substance use, and to reduce the supply of drugs. Health Canada's Drug Wise Web site is one component in the strategy's broader public education plan to provide youth the necessary information to make conscious, informed choices about drugs and alcohol.

Please be assured that your correspondence has been forwarded to departmental officials for their information and consideration.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

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