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Mr. William K. Adair
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Adair:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario regarding the Ontario Disability Support Program and for your support of the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSPs). I appreciate your association's encouraging words.

Be assured that our government also supports RDSPs as a means to help people provide for the future of family members with disabilities. We intend to fully exempt RDSP assets, contributions and withdrawals when determining financial eligibility for social assistance. This means that having an RDSP would not make people ineligible to receive social assistance. To further benefit Ontario Disability Support Program recipients, we are increasing the amount they can receive as a gift or payment from a trust to \$6,000 a year.

Our government will have social assistance regulations in place to support the changes we have proposed in the near future. Information will be posted on the Ministry of Community and Social Services' website at www.mcscs.gov.on.ca.

Thank you again for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

