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Dear Health Care Professionals:

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for the extraordinary effort that has been demonstrated by countless health care workers throughout the Greater Toronto Area during the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

Over the past few weeks, each and every one of you has demonstrated the professional skills and personal commitment to care that distinguishes Ontario's health system as the best anywhere.

This unprecedented challenge has placed tremendous strain on health care workers across our province as you strive, under unique and extraordinary circumstances, to combat the current SARS provincial health emergency. We recognize that you have all been working diligently to protect those in your care, as well as your families and community, from SARS infection.

Dr. Colin D'Cunha, Ontario's Commissioner of Public Health, and Dr. James Young, Commissioner of Public Security, could not have succeeded in moving forward with our containment plan without the support of medical professionals like you. Regardless of which facet of the health system you represent, you and your colleagues have responded quickly to critical directives with calm and determined professionalism.

It is this steadfast commitment to the health of the people of this province that will assist health officials at all levels of government to move us towards the successful containment of SARS.

Ontarians are grateful knowing that they can rely on you during this challenging period, and we want to assure you that we will continue to work around the clock to support you in treating the sick, in protecting the vulnerable and in containing SARS.

Once again, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do.

Yours sincerely,

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Ernie Eves
Premier

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Clement'.

Tony Clement
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

