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Hon. Minister Todd Smith
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
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Dear Minister Smith:

Thank you for your prompt reply to our letter of February 10, 2021 concerning delays in reimbursement of Special Services at Home funding to families of children with disabilities.

We are writing to share with you our March bulletin which we have attached.

The pandemic has caused tremendous disruption throughout society. We acknowledge the strain it has placed on the functioning of your ministry. However, without quick reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenditures, and in the face of numerous closures families are left with very little to no support in the care of their children with disabilities. As well, the restricted visits of in-home support has increased the pressures on children and their families.

We believe there is action needed the **Ontario's 2021-22 Budget must enhance SSAH funding so that the waiting list is eliminated and all children and youth are supported as soon as they become eligible.**

Respectfully yours,

Susann Palmiere and Alison Ouellette, Co Chairs, People for Personalized Funding

Cc:

The Honorable Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues
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