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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 recent response to our request for statistical data on the Passport program that supports individuals with developmental disabilities. Your response indicated that 52,000 individuals received Passport funding in 2019/2020, and estimated that 54,000 received Passport funding in 2020/2021, as of January. Unfortunately, the information that you enclosed is not specific enough to address some of the questions and concerns that our organization receives from families.

As you know, we are a volunteer organization that assists families to use direct provincial funding to support their family member with a disability to have everyday lives within their communities. We strive to give families accurate, up-to-date information about the SSAH and Passport programs.

In order that we may better help families, please provide the following information for years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021:

1. The amount of funding allocated to the Passport Program from the Developmental Services Budget;
2. The total number of Passport authorization contracts;
3. The breakdown of amounts of individual Passport contracts;
4. The total number of new applications for Passport funding;
5. The total number of youth transitioning from Children to Adult Services, deemed eligible for DSO services, who received the minimal amount of funding through the Passport program;
6. The total number of new application denials for Passport funding;
7. The total number of new applications for Passport funding placed on a waitlist;
8. The total number of applications for increases in Passport funding placed on a waitlist;

During this difficult time families with members with disabilities face immense financial challenges. As the situation in Ontario evolves, we appreciate the government continuing to review its programs and services to provide needed additional assistance.

Thank you for your kind attention to our request for information.

With sincerest regards,

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