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The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance  
7 Queen's Park Crescent  
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Dear Minister Duncan:

**Please act now to fund Ontario's developmental services!**

As the Minister of Finance, I am asking you to support a very important government initiative on behalf of Developmental Services.

Ontario citizens living with disabilities and their families depend on quality services delivered by the experienced and qualified staff in the Developmental Services Sector. This past year the Ministry of Labour undertook an initiative to facilitate discussions between the Ministry of Community and Social Services (COMSOC), employers and unions to stabilize and strengthen this vital sector. Unfortunately talks broke off in March due to lack of sustainable funding for the sector.

The unions and employers have some real concerns that COMSOC's current funding mandate is unrealistic in maintaining the current level of service the sector delivers to its vulnerable clients.

Your Ministry is critical to supporting the infrastructure to fund these agencies across the province, and to ensure that quality services will be available to the clients that rely on them for their daily needs.

A Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) agreement between all the parties will provide a new framework that will go a long way to ensure the sustainability of these vital services.

I am asking you to allocate funds to COMSOC to support the critical discussions that will have a direct impact on every community in Ontario.

Please act now. We can't lose this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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