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Mr. G. Dennis Jackson
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Federal Superannuates National Association
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Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for contacting me to share your members' concerns regarding provincial drug benefit coverage for federal government retirees.

On June 20, our government passed the *Transparent Drug System for Patients Act*. The purpose of this legislation is to create a stronger, more effective and patient-focused drug system for everyone in the province. For all Ontarians, this will mean gaining access to drugs faster and at lower costs.

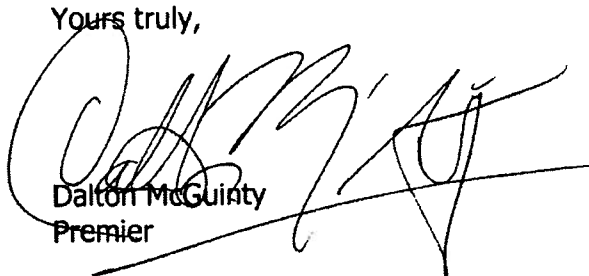
Part of our policy was a proposal brought forward to make the federal government the first payer for federal government retirees, as is the case in other provinces. Our intent was always that this would not increase costs or reduce benefits for federal retirees.

We have reviewed this policy and, after careful consideration, we have decided not to move forward with it.

I greatly appreciated your analysis and the thoughtful presentation of your members' concerns. It was an important part of our considerations.

Thank you again for contacting me on behalf of your membership. Please extend to them my best wishes and appreciation for their contribution to Canada through public service.

Yours truly,


Dalton McGuinty
Premier

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