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Minister Jean-Yves Duclos
Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development
House of Commons
Ottawa ON
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Dear Minister Duclos:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention that, at its regular monthly meeting of February 27, 2020, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board adopted the [Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit - Issue Report](#) and [Resolution #20-17](#).

A duly authorized copy of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Resolution # 20-17 is attached as well as the Issue Report calling upon the Federal and Provincial governments to reconsider the [Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Guidelines](#) and create flexibility as one size does not work well for Northern Ontario, particularly for small rural and remote communities whose existing resources are stretched to the maximum.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is extremely concerned that the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit does not consider the actual rent paid or utilities costs in the calculation. This is of particular concern in Northern Ontario where natural gas is not available in many communities and Hydro One rates are exorbitant.

Respectfully,

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Chair, Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB

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