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Pat Vanini Executive Director Association of Municipalities of Ontario 200 University Ave., Suite 801 Toronto ON M5H 3C6

Dear Ms. Vanini:

I want to follow up with respect to the implementation of Response Time Performance Plans for land ambulance services and land ambulance communication services in Ontario. The Ministry appreciates AMO's continued expression of support for this important response time regime and the request by AMO to extend the deadline for implementation so that municipalities can obtain additional data on which to base their plans.

To that end, the government has approved the Ministry's request to amend Regulation 257/00 under the Ambulance Act, such that the deadlines by which response time performance plans must be established, submitted and reported have been extended by up to two years. The amending regulation can be found at this link:

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/source/regs/english/2010/elaws_src_regs_r10368_e.htm.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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