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Dear Ms. Gawne and Mr. Stewart:

I am writing to let you know about some important updates to social assistance.

Earlier this year, we announced changes to Ontario Works (OW), Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), and the Transition Child Benefit (TCB). After careful consideration, these programs will continue in their current form to all recipients in accordance with existing policies and regulations.

We are contacting all Transition Child Benefit recipients to inform them through a targeted letter telling them that the TCB will continue in its current form. Additionally, we are encouraging them to call their caseworker with any questions.

We will make every effort to contact all recipients of the Transition Child Benefit in a timely manner.

While providing for the continuity of services for people receiving social assistance, we are focusing on the broader plan to improve social assistance and employment programs so that everyone can contribute to the success of our province.

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As a valued stakeholder, we appreciate your support in letting people know about these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Todd Smith
Minister