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Dear Ms. Stiles:

We are writing to you today to offer our congratulations on a hard-fought campaign during the recent Ontario General Election.

Whilst the results may not have been what you would have expected and hoped for, you showed real leadership in your passion for progressive issues. We welcomed your commitment during the election to double ODSP rates.

As you may recall, we had previously written to you regarding possible solutions to the critical issues facing the Developmental Services sector, in particular the 52,000 adults with intellectual disabilities who are currently languishing on the Developmental Services (DS) waitlist in Ontario.

As part of the [#WaitingToBelong campaign](#), launched in 2024, Community Living Ontario, OASIS, their member agencies and others in the DS Sector have been actively working to bring attention to this matter.

Since 1993, successive Ontario governments, regardless of political party, have increased core funding to support agencies by less than 7%, while the cost of living has soared by over 60% over that same time. Thousands of people with developmental disabilities are stuck on waitlists or inappropriately in hospitals and long-term care facilities because our sector is under-resourced.

We understand that the next few weeks and months will be extremely busy for you, but we would welcome the opportunity to arrange a meeting either in person or virtually with you and/or your staff at your earliest convenience to discuss the critical issues impacting the developmental services (DS) sector and the people living with developmental disabilities we serve across the province.

Please feel free to contact us directly or have your office reach out to us to schedule a meeting at any time.

We wish you all the best in the months and years ahead and thank you for your continued engagement and interest in supporting individuals living with developmental disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Walsh".

**Dr. Robert Walsh, CEO,
OASIS**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Beesley".

**Chris Beesley, CEO,
Community Living Ontario**