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TO Health!

Dear Ms. Ella Korets-Smith,

I would like to congratulate TO Health! and the Toronto Region's Human Health and Sciences (HHS) Cluster on developing Ontario's first draft cluster plan under the Partnerships for Jobs and Growth Act, approved by the Minister of Economic Development and Growth / Research Innovation and Science.

In partnership with the Government of Ontario, TO Health! worked to convene the HHS ecosystem in Toronto to develop such a plan. TO Health! organized working groups, collected and summarized the insights and ideas of various individuals and groups, and convened roundtables that brought together more than 60 diverse HHS cluster leaders.


Through this process, a draft plan for the Toronto Region HHS Cluster was developed, containing the following:

- A description of the cluster;
- An assessment of challenges and opportunities;
- Objectives and intended outcomes;
- Actions and roles for cluster participants; and
- A set of performance measures to assess the Plan after a five year period

As per the Act, the draft plan shall be made public, such that persons or entities who have an interest in the development of the cluster will have an opportunity to be consulted. Following the 30-day consultation period and any amendments resulting from it, TO Health! will submit the final draft of the cluster plan for the Minister's approval.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. I look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming months in the final stages of creating Ontario's first cluster plan under the Act.

Sincerely,

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Akin Alaga
Director, Regional Economic Development Strategy Branch

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