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Hon. Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,

I am following up on my letter of March 11 looking for support from our province and your government for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Increasingly, calls from Ukrainian-Canadian leaders and the broader community are looking for leadership from Ontario to step up and support refugees settling from Ukraine in Ontario. Specifically, community leaders are calling for your government to waive the waiting period for Ukrainian refugees to access OHIP-covered health care services.

The governments of British Columbia, Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador have all taken this step, and I strongly encourage your government to do the same.

Finally, I encourage you to provide further immediate financial support to the agencies coordinating humanitarian relief both in Ukraine and to refugees as they arrive in Ontario, and for you to communicate these commitments to the Ukrainian-Canadian community in Ontario. I encourage your government to consider a minimum contribution of \$3 million dollars to these humanitarian relief efforts.

Let us be generous as Ontarians to Ukrainians seeking refuge here in our province.

Sincerely,

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