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Dear George,

**RE: OPTICIANS TO REGAIN THE RIGHT TO SITE TESTING IN ONTARIO**

On Friday August 10 2007, I met with Ali Badreddine, the President of the Ontario Opticians Association. He presented the case for Opticians to regain the right to site testing in Ontario.

I found his arguments very compelling in regards to increasing access to eye care in Ontario and that is why I am writing you.

Minister, you and I share a high level of low income constituents. I consider the optician's issue of again allowing site testing by opticians an "access to health service" issue.

One of the hallmarks of our government and in particular, your ministry has been improving access to health care.

I would appreciate it if you could take "a second look" at this issue - no pun intended.

I have copied the ADM responsible I understand for this issue, Dr. Josh Teppner and several MPP's who I know share my interest in this issue.

Yours truly,

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Cc. Dr. Josh Teppner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-term Care  
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