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On behalf of the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario (CAHO), I am pleased to enclose a copy of our report entitled *Supporting Health Researchers to Come to Ontario, to Stay and to Succeed*.

Researchers are the crux of a successful health research enterprise. We depend on having a secure cadre of the best and brightest researchers in Ontario to fuel innovation. Both the provincial government through *Ontario's Innovation Agenda* and the federal government in its *Science and Technology Strategy* recognize the value of a research base in a healthy economy. Ontario recognizes that stable support for health researchers is a vital component of a robust research strategy.

The research excellence we have achieved is internationally recognized and continues to function as our best recruitment tool. However, Ontario is not unique in its quest to attract the finest health researchers. The global research market is competitive and we must invest in protecting our researcher base. *Supporting Health Researchers* provides an in-depth view of Ontario's current researcher base, our competitiveness in the global market, and current and future mechanisms to sustain our health research enterprise.

We present this report to stimulate discussion and collaborative action, and thank CAHO's Council of Ontario Research Directors for its continued leadership and support.

Best wishes,

Joseph Mapa, Chair  
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