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Dear Ms. Grinspun:

*Doris*

Thank you for your e-mail of February 22, 2016, regarding the ministry's Segregation Review. I also acknowledge receipt of the document you sent entitled "*Transforming Ontario's Correctional Services: Starting, But Not Stopping, with Segregation.*"

As you know, in March 2015, the government launched a comprehensive review of the segregation policy and its use in correctional facilities, including how it interacts with our mental health policies.

I understand that you and other representatives from the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) were able to meet with the ministry's Segregation Review team on January 5, 2016, and that the consultation was very constructive. Thank you for your support and participation in this important ongoing work.

The comprehensive review has a total of four phases which include, but are not limited to, such deliverables as the completion of jurisdictional scans of segregation practices in Canada, review of staff training, consultation with external stakeholders and reviewing institutional policy compliance. The ministry is targeting completion of the stakeholder consultations for April 2016 and targeting completion of the final report for June 2016.

Our government will continue working with our partners, including the RNAO, to further strengthen mental health services and improve supports for all inmates to ensure they are treated with fairness and respect and have access to the same services that they would have access to in the community.

Ministry officials are committed to the provision of a safe, secure, effective and humane environment for those who are assigned to our care. I can assure you that we take our responsibility for their health and well-being very seriously.

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Thank you again for your letter and submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yasir Naqvi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Yasir Naqvi  
Minister