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Honourable Minister Deb Matthews  
Minister of Children and Youth Services  
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The Honourable Deb Matthews:

The Foster Parents Society of Ontario, is concerned that the needs of the children will not be met as a result of the decision made by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services refusing to fund the agencies for deficits projected and incurred by the agencies. Ontario's children in care must not suffer as a result of possible overspending or a shortfall in operational funds. FPSO recommends the Ministry of Children and Youth Services fund the deficits this year.

It is acknowledged that the agencies are required to support Kinship out of care families. However, we understand no funding was ever released for this. Agencies did respond by providing workers and services for that sector, equivalent to our children in care. The hiring of staff to support this has resulted in workers/administrative staff in some agencies of one worker to one child in care. This has impacted the deficit significantly. FPSO recognizes that a determination of funding with fiscal responsibility must be implemented, in order for agencies to achieve a balanced budget.

Sincerely,

*Cecile Brookes*

Cecile Brookes FPSO President  
On behalf of the FPSO Board of Directors

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