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Mr. David Coon, MLA
Leader of the Third Party
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Dear Mr. Coon:

Enclosed is a copy of the response to your Petition 81 tabled in the Legislature on April 29, 2015.

Yours truly,

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Enclosure

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Autism-

May 20, 2015

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Mr. Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
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Dear Mr. Forestell:

This letter will acknowledge receipt and respond to Petition 81 which was tabled in the Legislature on April 29, 2015 by Mr. Coon.

New Brunswick has 22 community mental health centres with specialized staff. These centres provide services to all New Brunswickers, including those with autism, when defined mental health conditions are present to assist a person in regaining his or her mental health.

The Government of New Brunswick is in the process of developing a framework for a network of excellence for children and youth with complex mental health and behavioral needs. This network will align all the services available to children and youth and, using an integrated service delivery model of care, break down the barriers to access so that the right service is provided at the right time.

The network of excellence will serve the dual purpose of ensuring that expert, safe and appropriate clinical resources are always available to New Brunswick youth who need them while at the same time ensuring that no dependency on institutional care is developed.

The concerns expressed about residential facilities for adults with autism have been noted and shared with the Department of Social Development, which has responsibility for long-term care.

Thank you for voicing your concerns. I understand that the diagnosis of autism presents lifelong challenges for the individuals it affects and their families.

Sincerely,



Hon. Victor Boudreau
Minister

