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Dear Friends,

June is fast approaching and I know many of you are well into planning your Seniors' Month celebrations, which provide an opportunity to acknowledge the important role older Ontarians play in the lives of their families, communities and province.

When I first wrote to you in March, I promised to send you the 2006 Seniors' Month poster and bookmark, reflecting this year's theme **Active Living: Healthy Living**. This year, the poster is being produced in 19 languages including Hindi, Urdu, Spanish and Chinese. If you who would like to receive copies of these materials electronically, please visit the Seniors' Month website at [www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/seniors/english/seniorsmonth-06htm](http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/seniors/english/seniorsmonth-06htm).

I encourage all communities across the province to celebrate Seniors' Month by hosting an event. Community events related to Seniors' Month will be listed on the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat website ([www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/seniors](http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/seniors)).

If you have an event you would like to publicize on the website, please email your event details to [seniorsmonth@mci.gov.on.ca](mailto:seniorsmonth@mci.gov.on.ca).

During the month of June another important seniors' issue will be highlighted. June 15 will mark the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Canada. Provincial governments will participate in educating the public about elder abuse. Ontario has recently announced \$459,000 in new funding to combat elder abuse. Sixty-one organizations across the province have received grants which they may choose to use for public education or other elder abuse prevention strategies.

I ask you to join your local organizations in helping to shed light on this important issue and send the message that the abuse of senior citizens will not be tolerated.

The Ontario government is on the side of seniors, and we value the contributions they make to this province. That is why we are investing a record \$1.4 billion a year in home care, while expanding home care to about 45,100 more Ontarians.

I hope you will take the opportunity provided by Seniors' Month to celebrate their contributions to your communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Bradley".

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