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Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Health

**Re: Operating Budget and Bed Bugs**

Many of my constituents as well as residents of our city have told me that getting bed bugs under control in Toronto is very important to them.

Toronto Public Health has been at the forefront of the “war on bedbugs” in the city of Toronto since the first Bed Bug forum in November 2007. A tremendous amount of work has been done with limited resources to undertake thousands of inspections, hundreds of special cleanouts of infestations, develop an exceptional website, develop protocols, and undertake leadership in the private and not for profit housing communities through the Bed Bug Project.

Therefore I am concerned that in this year's operating budget we are not able to take full advantage of the 75/25 matching funding by the province to step up the work on bed bug control. For every dollar we would spend we get three from the province which would give a tremendous boost to the cause.

A request for an additional \$500,000 would bring an additional \$2 million provincial dollars that could be dedicated to bed bug control.

I would ask that in our discussions today on the operating budget that we give this serious consideration.

Yours truly,

Paula Fletcher