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Dear Ms. Stinson:

Thank you for your letter dated March 15, 2006, addressed to The Honourable Diane Finley, Minister for Human Resources and Social Development Canada. I am pleased to respond on the Minister's behalf.

We appreciate your comments and your expression of concern regarding the Roeher Institute's financial situation. We are aware of the importance of having an organization that supports issues relating to improving the lives of people with disabilities through social policy research and development. In fact, the Roeher Institute has received contribution funding through the Department's Social Development Partnerships Program (SDPP).

As you may be aware, the disability component of the Social Development Partnerships Program (SDPP-D) is a grant and contribution program that seeks to support the capacity of the voluntary sector, inform the policy and program development process, and further the full participation of people with disabilities in Canada. Voluntary and not-for-profit organizations for people with disabilities are eligible to apply. The decision to support requests for funding depends on the organization's eligibility for the program, the priorities of the Call for Proposals, the needs of the community and the availability of funds.

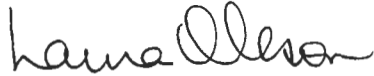
At the present time, the SDPP-D has a closed application process for grant funding (organizational funding). Organizations that receive grant funding under SDPP-D must meet the mandatory eligibility criteria for funding under the terms and conditions of the program. The Terms and Conditions of the SDPP program can be viewed on the Social Development Website at:

[www.sdc.gc.ca/asp/gateway.asp?hr=en/hip/odi/sdppd/sdppd.shtml&hs=pyp](http://www.sdc.gc.ca/asp/gateway.asp?hr=en/hip/odi/sdppd/sdppd.shtml&hs=pyp)

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Please be assured that the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development will be made aware of your concerns. Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



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