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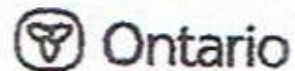
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Mr. [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter regarding your birth registration. As Director and Deputy Registrar General of the Office of the Registrar General (ORG), I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The ORG is responsible for registering all births, deaths, marriages that occur in Ontario. In addition, the ORG is responsible for issuing certificates for these life events and maintaining vital statistics for the province of Ontario.

Birth registration is a two-step process. The process for birth registration begins with municipalities collecting the Statement of Live Birth from the parents and matching it to the information provided by the physician or midwife that attended the birth. If the information from both sources is in agreement, the municipality forwards the documents to the Office of the Registrar General (ORG) for registering. The event is not registered until the ORG receives and processes these documents and assigns a unique registration number.

All births in Ontario are required to be registered with the ORG pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the *Vital Statistics Act*. This includes information on the biological parent(s) and the first name(s) and surname of the child (a child's surname can be the mother's surname, father's surname or a combination of the two). To be clear, the ORG registers information about events. The ORG does not register people.

I have reviewed your letters and wish to advise you that neither the Ministry nor the Office of the Registrar General is responsible for any debts incurred by yourself. We regret that we can be of no further help to you.

I thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judi Hartman".

Judi Hartman
Director and Deputy Registrar General

c: The Honourable Gerry Phillips