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**MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE DAVID C. ONLEY,  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO,  
ON THE DEATH OF MONA WINBERG**

TORONTO - I was saddened to learn of the death of Ms. Mona Winberg, long-time Toronto Sun columnist and disability rights activist.

Mona was known throughout the disability rights community as one of the few media voices who regularly provided insights and information on what was happening on the disability front. When she began writing in the Toronto Sun, just over 20 years ago, there was almost no coverage of disability issues; if you were disabled and wanted to know what was happening, you turned to Mona's column.

Mona was a constant source of inspiration to me and I would extensively quote from her columns when I would give speeches on disability issues. Her perspective on these concerns was relevant and important. She overcame significant adversity to become a role model for all people with disabilities.

I join all Ontarians in extending my deepest sympathies to Mona's family.

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