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His Worship Bob Bratina Mayor City of Hamilton 71 Main Street West Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Bratina:

I am writing to express my gratitude for the role that the City of Hamilton played during the 2011 Northwestern Ontario forest fire evacuations.

By offering to host evacuees and provide them with essential supports and services during their stay, you have set an example of how strong Ontario can be when we work towards the shared goal of protecting our fellow citizens.

The Province of Ontario's efforts to ensure the safety and security of these vulnerable citizens would not have been successful without the hard work and dedication of you and your staff.

You have every reason to be proud of your team. I thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Allison J. Stuart

Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief **Emergency Management Ontario**