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ATT: Carolyn Biggs, Deputy City Clerk

Dear Ms. Biggs,

RE: General Issues Committee – July 4, 2011

It is my understanding that the General Issues Committee of City Council approved our request for delegation status at the General Issues Committee on July 4, 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the committee for allowing our presentation to go forward at the meeting on July 4th.

As the presentation will be made by both myself and Dr. Atif Kubursi of McMaster University, it would be greatly appreciated if the Committee would consider allowing us to speak for 10-15 minutes in total in order to fully address the substance of Dr. Kubursi's report entitled "The Economic Impact of Social Assistance in Hamilton" and to also provide some context to this important piece of research, and to the critical need for evidence-based social assistance rates in the Province of Ontario.

Please feel free to call if I can add anything further. I can be reached at (905) 545-0442, ext 29.

Regards,

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