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His Worship R. (Bob) Bratina
Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mayor Bratina:

Good idea!

Your letter regarding "Pay It Forward Day", in reference to File #C12-012, was forwarded to me by Premier McGuinty. I am pleased to respond.

Promoting and recognizing active citizenship can make a positive difference and foster vibrant communities across the province – one good deed at a time.

My ministry develops and delivers a wide range of honours and awards programs that recognize, encourage and celebrate individual Ontarians for their community participation and outstanding accomplishments. These programs also promote individuals for their community spirit.

To receive an official proclamation from the province for "Pay It Forward Day", any MPP can bring forward a private member's bill for introduction in the Legislature. I will be happy to share your proposal with my colleagues.

Thank you again for writing, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Sousa'.

Charles Sousa
Minister

c: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario