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His Worship Bob Bratina
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Hamilton City Hall
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Dear Mayor Bratina:

Last year, I wrote to you asking for your participation in helping our government realize an Ontario that is safe, inclusive and accessible for people of all ages.

As part of our Action Plan for Seniors, we launched the Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide, which provides step-by-step advice, processes and tools to help municipalities develop, implement and evaluate their local aging plans. This guide, along with several other programs within the Action Plan continues to drive us closer to our goal.

As we know, our population is aging. And it is up to us to ensure we have the right plans and the right tools as a province, and within each community to respond to the growing needs of this population.

That's why I'm proud to tell you that we've launched the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program. Open to local governments and eligible community organizations, this program provides funding to support strategic planning activities that make communities more age-friendly and help seniors contribute to all aspects of community life.

Building an Age-Friendly community means building a community where policies, services and structures are designed to support and enable seniors to live in a secure environment, enjoy good health, and continue to participate fully. This is something that we know we cannot achieve without your partnership.

Applications will be open until January 30, 2015. I encourage you to visit Ontario.ca/seniors for the application and guidelines.

Every community is unique in its strengths and challenges, and we rely on community leaders to work with us to make every community strong for people of all ages. Thank you for your continued efforts. Together we will make Ontario the best place to age.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Sergio', written in a cursive style.

Mario Sergio
Minister