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His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor of Hamilton  
Hamilton City Hall  
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am responding to your letter of November 18, 2015, addressed to the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, and copied to me. You wrote regarding the development of a national child care strategy.

Our government believes that families are the building blocks of society and that child care is a priority for Canadian families. That is why we are committed to working with provinces, territories and Indigenous peoples to create a new National Early Learning and Child Care Framework so that affordable, high-quality, flexible and fully inclusive child care is available. This work is to be funded over ten years as part of a \$19.7 billion social infrastructure fund, which will also invest in affordable housing and senior facilities, as well as cultural or recreational infrastructure.

The proposed National Early Learning and Child Care Framework is part of a suite of commitments intended to support Canadian families, including the proposed Canada Child Benefit (a tax-free, income-tested monthly child benefit), more flexible parental benefits under Employment Insurance, and the right for federally regulated workers to request flexible work arrangements.

Moving forward, our government will continue to focus on children and families and will work with jurisdictions across the country to enable children to receive the best possible start in life and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for sharing your views on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean-Yves Duclos".

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, P.C., M.P.

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