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Your Worship Mayor Fred Eisenberger City of Hamilton 71 Main street west 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter requesting funding for Good Shepherd Notre Dame House and YWCA Transitional Living Program.

As Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I share your commitment to ensuring that the program objectives and outcomes of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) are met. For that reason, I appreciate your work in this crucial area and I commend your commitment.

While the province is responsible for administering funding for CHPI, it is the local Service Managers who engage in planning activities related to program delivery, and who administer the programs as per the policy framework and program guidelines.

CHPI aims to improve access to adequate, suitable and affordable housing and homelessness services. It does so by giving Service Managers greater flexibility to design programs based on local needs and priorities and local Housing and Homelessness Plans. I look forward to working with the City of Hamilton to address its local needs, and achieving our goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2026.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the government. Please accept my best wishes.

Best regards

Ted McMeekin Minister

c: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne Premier

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