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To: Office of the Mayor; <u>clerk@hamilton.ca</u> **Subject:** 答复: #investinpeople and #HamOnt

Dear Clerk, Mayor and Mayor's office,

I have received your letter and attached files several days ago and pass them along with our members to discuss the issue of poverty in Hamilton and reduction of poverty.

I have been working for a local Chinese non-profit organization incorporated by the Province of Ontario in 2000 for 15 years. It is Hamilton Chinese Community Services Centre (HCCSC) driven by volunteers without an accessible office.

HCCSC's mission is to facilitate a variety of programs, activities or events that shall be helpful with wellbeing in Hamilton, to enrich the exchange of perspectives with other diverse communities for a balance between maintaining Chinese culture / heritage and integrating it into the mainstream Canadian society, and to assist Chinese innovative startups or entrepreneurs for blooming the city of Hamilton.

Now we have three Chinese social media, a local monthly Chinese newspaper of "Hamilton Chinese Press", a local Chinese gate website of "Hamilton Chinese", and a micro-channel public platform based on WeChat. i.e. "New Life in Gold Horseshoe Area". We practice the mission of our organization through these three media.

This letter is on behalf of HCCSC and the Chinese media, in response for request for support of Strategy to Reduce Poverty in Hamilton. As a local business and community support, we care about poverty reduction and will show our support by providing free report or advertising services at your limited budget for the Mayor's office when needed. As an effective tool, we can help increase awareness in local Chinese communities; and will try our best to help thousands of Hamiltonians achieve their full potential, and to prevent worsening poverty.

Our reasons for supporting poverty reduction are because we care to help those who are citizens or immigrants in Hamilton Region and struggle with the daily necessities of life. We understand what it is like to be unemployed and underemployed, to have trouble making ends meet and paying bills but also trying our best despite the circumstances. We hope that as a community partner we can see this project completed and help reduce poverty in Hamilton area.

Thank you for your great efforts on coping with poverty issues!

Sincerely;

Robert (Guangwei) Zhou President of HCCSC

P.S. The three media online as below HCP: www.hamiltonchinese.com HC: www.hamiltonchinese.com

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