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Your Worship Mayor Fred Eisenberger City of Hamilton 71 Main Street West Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter regarding the City of Hamilton's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan and our government's recent update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS).

Our government agrees that adequate housing is a fundamental requirement for good health, which is why the vision of the updated LTAHS is that "Every person has an affordable, suitable and adequate home to provide the foundation to secure employment, raise a family, and build strong communities."

I am pleased to acknowledge the support of the City of Hamilton in making progress towards our government's goals of increasing the supply of affordable housing, supporting people, and ending chronic homelessness in 10 years. Working towards these goals requires a system built on partnerships with the private and non-profit sectors, and between all levels of government.

Once again, thank you for sharing this matter with me. I look forward to working in partnership with the City of Hamilton to achieve our shared goals. Please accept my best wishes.

Best regards

Ted McMeekin Minister

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