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Mayor Eisenberger & Members of Council
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor ^{Fred}Eisenberger & Members of Council:

As you are no doubt aware, on June 28th the Minister of Children and Youth Services announced some major changes to their autism strategy, including the provision to remove children over the age of five from receiving Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) therapy.

I am pleased to see the Minister has listened to the concerns raised by thousands of parents, experts, organizations, municipalities and both opposition parties. I want to thank you for your work on this important issue and for passing a resolution to support families in your community by calling on the government to allow children of all ages to access IBI therapy. As a result of your work, we were able to pressure the government into making these changes, to ensure children regardless of their age will continue to receive this life-changing therapy.

We owe it to our province's future generations to ensure they are provided every opportunity to reach their fullest potential. That includes having access to supports that promise to make a difference in a child's life.

Once again thank you for your support in helping the lives of our province's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sylvia Jones", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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