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Your Worship
Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for taking the time to write on behalf of the City of Hamilton to share your concerns for additional funding through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) to address the need of people experiencing homelessness in Hamilton.

As Minister of Housing, I share your commitment to ensuring affordable housing for all Ontarians. For that reason, I appreciate your interest in this crucial area and I commend your commitment.

The province provides funding to municipalities to respond locally to homelessness prevention in their communities. This year, we have provided \$19,073,700 in funding to the City of Hamilton under (CHPI), which is consistent with allocations in previous years to the community. As the local Service Manager of the homelessness prevention system, the City of Hamilton decides how best to address the homelessness prevention needs in the community.

In addition, through the updated Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy, we are now going even further by increasing annual CHPI funding by \$45 million in additional funding. By 2018-19, we will be providing almost \$324 million in annual funding through this initiative.

While these investments and measures are very important, the government recognizes that it cannot address Ontario's housing needs alone. As such, we look forward to working with other levels of government and local Service Managers to reduce, prevent and end homelessness.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ballard".

Chris Ballard
Minister