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

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Premier Kathleen Wynne has forwarded to me your letter regarding municipal elections and the voters list, and for bringing the City of Hamilton's request to the attention of the province.

As you are aware, Ontario has now passed the *Municipal Elections Modernization Act, 2016*. Bill 181, an Act to amend the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, received Royal Assent on June 9, 2016 and made some improvements to ensure an accurate municipal voters list. My ministry will continue to work with stakeholders to look at systemic issues in the development of this list and identify solutions for longer-term improvements.

I appreciate the concerns you have raised and can assure you that the City of Hamilton's position will be considered as part of our continued efforts to improve the voters list for municipal elections in Ontario.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the government. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Bill Mauro Minister

c: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne Premier of Ontario

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