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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter outlining Hamilton City Council's support for public libraries and the Ontario Library Association/Federation of Ontario Public Libraries Pre-Budget Submission. I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the importance of libraries to the well-being of communities across our province.

Our government recognizes that library services are vital in providing access to new technology and digital resources. That is why we support the library sector's work through operating grants, capital funding, and targeted investments.

This year, our government is making the most significant investment in public libraries in a generation. This investment includes:

- \$51 million over three years in annual increases to public library operating funding
- \$28 million over three years to create a provincial Digital Public Library so that all people in Ontario can access the information, education, and cultural resources they need to succeed.

This commitment aligns with Ontario's Culture Strategy, to build the capacity of libraries serving rural, remote, and Indigenous communities; improve digital services; and support leadership and innovation.

The information and expression of support you provided are helpful. Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me.

With kind regards,

Daiene Vernile
Minister