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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

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Thank you very much for your letters dated April 3rd and 12th, enclosing Hamilton City Council's resolutions regarding Hamilton Speciality Bar (HSB).

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We are very concerned about the workers that are impacted by HSB's liquidation. We understand how important and disappointing this liquidation is to the workers and to the City of Hamilton. The province is monitoring the situation closely and identifying assistance for the HSB workers that are impacted.

The steel industry is critical to our province's economic prosperity. We understand steel companies like HSB are of special importance to communities across the province, such as Hamilton, and have been for over a century.

The Ontario government regards the steel industry as an essential sector, and we are committed to continuing to work hard to support the creation of jobs and investments in our steel sector.

I very much appreciate your letters and the resolutions on this key issue.

Sincerely,

Steven Del Duca

Minister