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Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

The Office of the Prime Minister forwarded to me on April 9, 2018, your correspondence regarding the legalization, regulation and restriction of cannabis.

On September 8, 2017, the Government announced \$274 million in funding to support law enforcement in the implementation of Bills C-45 and C-46. To support the proposed *Cannabis Act* (Bill C-45), the Government has committed up to \$113.5 million in federal funding over the next five years to Public Safety Canada (PS), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canada Border Services Agency to develop policy, ensure organized crime does not infiltrate the legalized system and keep cannabis from crossing our borders. To support the proposed Bill C-46, the Government has committed up to \$81 million over the next five years to support provinces and territories (P/Ts) for new law enforcement training, capacity to build training and new technology to enforce drug-impaired driving. PS has been working closely with P/Ts and has identified current law enforcement capacity. The federal funding will be distributed to P/Ts based on need and current enforcement gaps. The idea is to develop a strategic plan to ensure that P/Ts have adequate capacity to enforce the proposed legalization of cannabis and new drug-impaired driving offences.

PS is working with all jurisdictions to ensure law enforcement can respond to the new framework for legalized cannabis and drug-impaired driving offences in our urban areas as well as rural, remote and Indigenous communities. Ultimately, it is up to the P/Ts to decide what amount of funding will be distributed to each municipality within their respective jurisdiction.

As new information emerges, it will be available on the following website:

www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/justice/legalization-regulation-marijuana.html

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Goodale', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P.