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His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
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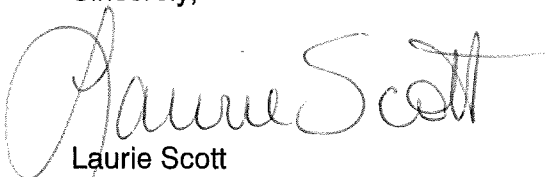
Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, sent me a copy of your letter about Hamilton City Council's resolution advocating a revenue neutral scenario for Hamilton's budget in relation to Bill 148. Thank you very much for writing.

The government understands that concerns have been raised by the changes made in the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017*, and is committed to reviewing the legislation. Further, we are considering recent changes to the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* and their impact on the overall economy. Our plan is to create and protect jobs by sending the message that Ontario is open for business. We are committed to working cooperatively with the people of Ontario, including small businesses, to reduce the burdens they face.

Again, thank you so much for taking the time to write. I appreciated the opportunity to speak to municipal officials at the recent conference and annual general meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario held in Ottawa, and to listen to the comments and concerns municipalities shared with me. I look forward to ongoing discussions and working together on the important issues that we share.

Sincerely,



Laurie Scott  
Minister of Labour

c: The Honourable Doug Ford