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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor of Hamilton
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

Dear Fred,

I am responding to your letter, which was received on July 30, 2018, concerning homelessness funding in the City of Hamilton. I regret the delay in replying.

On June 11, 2018, I announced that the Government of Canada will be making bold changes to the federal strategy to prevent and reduce homelessness. The Government of Canada will invest \$2.2 billion in homelessness over 10 years. Reaching Home, the redesigned homelessness strategy, will launch on April 1, 2019.

Reaching Home is part of Canada's first-ever National Housing Strategy, a 10-year, \$40 billion plan to lift hundreds of thousands of Canadians out of housing need, which will result in up to 100,000 new housing units and 300,000 repaired or renewed housing units. The National Housing Strategy is intended to contribute to reducing chronic homelessness by 50 percent, by empowering local communities to deliver a combination of housing measures.

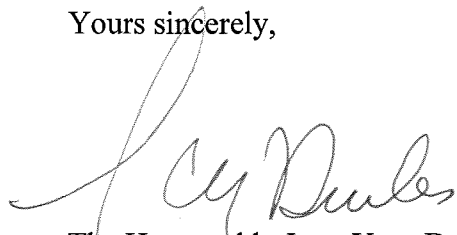
We recognize the distinct housing barriers faced by vulnerable populations, including the LGBTQ2 community, homeless women, women and children fleeing family violence, seniors, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, individuals dealing with mental health and addiction issues, veterans, and young adults. Reaching Home will maintain a community-based approach and provide funding directly to municipalities, like Hamilton, or to local service providers to continue to advance coordinated approaches to homelessness.

Budget 2016 incremental funding of \$111.8 million over two years enabled the Government of Canada to increase allocations by 25 percent in large designated communities, including Hamilton. These funding levels were maintained in 2018–2019, and potential future funding allocations to communities are currently being reviewed. Further details will be made available before the launch of the redesigned program.

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Thank you for taking the time to share your views on homelessness funding. I look forward to a continued collaboration with the City of Hamilton.

Yours sincerely,



The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

P.S.: Always pleased to support your important work.

