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October 12, 2018

His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
Second Floor, 71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter informing me of council's resolution about private cannabis retail stores. I appreciate being made aware of council's views on the issue.

I see that you have also addressed your letter to several of my Cabinet colleagues, who I have copied on this response, and want to assure you that we will take council's views into consideration as part of our commitment to create a safe legal retail model that protects Ontario's residents and eliminates the illegal cannabis market.

As you and members of council are likely aware, we will provide municipalities with a choice to opt out of permitting physical cannabis retail stores within their boundaries. As well, we are giving \$40 million to municipalities over two years to help local governments keep their communities safe.

Thanks again for writing to me on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Ford', written over a white background.

Doug Ford
Premier

- c: The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
- The Honourable Todd Smith
- The Honourable Jim Wilson
- The Honourable Steve Clark
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo

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