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His Worship Fred Eisenberger, Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

I am writing to you regarding important updates to social assistance in Ontario.

Earlier this year, we announced changes to Ontario Works, the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and the Transition Child Benefit (TCB).

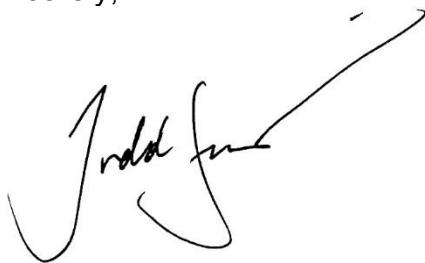
After careful consideration, these programs will continue in their current form to all recipients in accordance with existing policies and regulations.

We are working with Hamilton Social Services local offices to communicate these changes. The ministry will also be making every effort to contact all TCB recipients by mail to inform them we are not proceeding with these changes and encouraging them to contact their caseworker with any questions.

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While providing for the continuity of services for people receiving social assistance, we are focusing on the broader plan to improve our social assistance and employment programs. The Ontario government is transforming the system into simpler, more effective supports, so that everyone can contribute to the success of our province. We are listening and exploring the best ways to bring positive outcomes for those in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name.

Todd Smith
Minister