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City of Hamilton  
Emergency and Community Services Committee  
71 Main Street West  
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*Re: Submission being made by the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group*

Dear Members of Hamilton City Council.

On behalf of Ontario Basketball (OBA), please consider this a letter of support of the request being made by the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group towards a joint application with the City of Hamilton targeting funding for a multi-sport and recreation centre facility in the City of Hamilton.

As the recognized provincial sport organization for basketball in the province, OBA runs a multitude of programs and services and the need for additional and accessible basketball courts within the City of Hamilton and surrounding regions is very evident. With the introduction of Ontario Basketball League (OBL) in 2015, the growth of the league has been persistent and in 2018-19 will served nearly 750 teams. With OBL alone, Ontario Basketball has interest to secure multiple basketball courts each weekend (with the exception of Holidays) from November to April each year.

Additionally, there are a number of other programs – community, coach education, high performance, etc. – that will require additional basketball court access and general facility space throughout the rest of the calendar year.

In an effort to support ongoing sport development, we strongly encourage you to consider any and all possible options in supporting this request.

Yours in basketball,

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