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Mayor Eisenberger & Members of Hamilton City Council  
City Hall Municipal Service Centre  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario  
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Let me begin by saying that the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) was delighted when, under the leadership of Michael Andlauer, major junior hockey returned to Hamilton, a city known for its love of sports.

The OHL is aware of the discussions underway regarding the potential development of a new arena facility in the City and we express our complete support for this exciting project.

The OHL has teams in 17 municipalities in Ontario, in all of these municipalities our teams are either the number one or number two sports and entertainment property and an important part of the community. One of the most important factors in the success of an OHL franchise is that of a suitable arena facility, which not only affords the team a place to play and fans to gather, but also provides for hosting of league-wide events such as Memorial Cup, which provide a significant return in the form of local economic impact.

We thank-you for your consideration of this exciting project. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. BRANCH  
Commissioner  
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

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