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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
The City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

We are a government that listens. We have heard that the decision to provide stable funding for land ambulance services for the 2019 calendar year did not offer municipal partners enough time to plan without potentially impacting service delivery.

In response, the Ministry of Health (the ministry) is pleased to provide the City of Hamilton revised funding of up to \$23,673,897 with respect to the Land Ambulance Services Grant (LASG) for the 2019 calendar year.

Provincially, this represents approximately a 4% increase for municipalities over the previous year. In order to support LASG planning for the 2020 year, municipalities can expect continued growth. Final confirmation of 2020 funding will be provided through the 2020 budget process.

The Executive Director of Emergency Health Services Office will write to the City of Hamilton shortly to provide details with respect to the 2019 funding and associated terms and conditions.

We continue to rely on your strong leadership in alignment with the government's longer-term plan to bring fiscal stability to the health sector. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving land ambulance services in Ontario and for addressing the health care needs of Ontarians as we thoughtfully proceed with sector modernization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine J. Elliott".

Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (MOH)

c: Ms. Janette Smith, City Manager, The City of Hamilton

bc: Ms. Alison Blair, Executive Director, Emergency Health Services Office
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