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Subject: Housing and Homelessness

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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I sent this letter to the Mayor and his Legislative Assistant suggested that I submit it to you as well to perhaps bring to Council.

Dear Mayor Fred Eisenberger,

I'm writing to you today urging you to press the federal government to make immediate investments in housing and ending homelessness.

As a municipal leader - you play a critical role in ending homelessness. In every community, anywhere in the world, where there has been progress in reducing homelessness, strong local leadership has been key. But I know you can't do it alone.

The federal government has made a commitment to ending chronic homelessness, and we need Canada's municipal leaders municipalities to press the federal government to make a meaningful investment in housing in the upcoming fall economic statement, in order to begin making good on that promise.

To end chronic homelessness in Canada, the federal government needs to implement the 6-Point Plan (<https://www.recoveryforall.ca/6pointplan>) laid out by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

I ask for your support to encourage the federal government to implement this plan and make this promise a reality in their coming economic statement and budget.

The 6-Point Plan lays out an affordable and achievable path to ending chronic homelessness in Canada. The plan is built on strategies proven to work in Canada (<https://www.recoveryforall.ca/6pointplan>), it is fully costed and would be supported by a majority of Canadians (<https://www.recoveryforall.ca/poll>).

This plan is affordable. It is achievable. It will create at least 500,000 jobs. It will work.

The federal government has the opportunity to make the promise of ending chronic homelessness a reality, right now.

Canada's homeless population, especially in our cities, has suffered for too long (over 35% of Canadians have either experienced homelessness or know someone who has) -- but with the right investments for our COVID-19 recovery, we can end chronic homelessness, stimulate our economy, and create jobs.

Thank you for your leadership -- and for your swift action to press the federal government to make immediate investments in housing and homelessness.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
John Mills