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June 23, 2022

His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

**RE: Support for Bill C-229 and request for provincial legislation regarding hate speech and symbols**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 11, 2022, sent to Attorney General Doug Downey and federal Attorney General David Lametti, advising of a resolution passed by the City of Hamilton supporting federal Bill C-229, and your support for further provincial legislation to address hate speech and symbols.

We are aware of and have been following with interest Hamilton's important work to tackle hate in your community, including through your Hate Prevention & Mitigation Initiative.

Responding to hate is a similarly consistent priority for Ontario. We share your concerns about the widespread and devastating impact that hate can have on communities, and the need to develop additional legal and community strategies to deal with this growing threat. For those reasons, we are committed to finding new ways to prevent and address hate in all its forms, such as Ontario's recent Anti-Racism Anti-Hate Grant Program. We will take your views and suggestions into account in planning future anti-hate initiatives.

Thank you again for taking the time to share council's resolution and request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Campbell".

Michelle Campbell  
Acting Deputy Director - Policy  
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