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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

Ottawa, Ontario
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September 19, 2024

Dear Mayor Horwath:

I would like to thank you for writing to me regarding the homelessness encampments and homelessness crisis throughout the province.

It is unacceptable that anyone in this country is without a roof over their head a night. That's why we have doubled federal funding to help communities tackle homelessness and also announced a \$100 million investment to help protect the most vulnerable in communities across the country this winter. Through our efforts, we have already prevented over 125,000 people from becoming unhoused, and placed over 71,000 people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing.

We are also investing additional \$1 billion through to provide predictable funding to homeless-serving organizations over the next four years; as well as putting \$250 million on the table to support our most vulnerable and human rights-based efforts to end encampments in our communities. I would like to assure you that we will not rest until we end chronic homelessness in this country once and for all.

As this matter falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, I have asked that a copy of our exchange be sent to his office. I am certain that Minister Fraser will give this issue the attention it deserves.

Thank you again for having taken the time to write to me regarding such an important issue and please accept my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Her Worship Andrea Horwath
Mayor
City of Hamilton



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VIA: Email

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July 15, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

At its meeting of July 12th Hamilton City Council, endorsed the Association of Municipalities (AMO) actions respecting Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments, and the City of Hamilton is therefore, urgently calling for provincial and federal leadership and action to address the growing crisis of homelessness encampments in communities across Ontario.

Municipal governments are at the front lines of the homelessness crisis without the resources or tools to support our residents and communities. The City of Hamilton is asking that the provincial and federal governments work collaboratively with each other and municipalities, in their comprehensive responses on these complex issues that require all orders of government to work together.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Horwath".

Mayor Andrea Horwath

cc. Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amopresident@amo.on.ca

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