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Hamilton Mountain

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Mayor Bob Bratina
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main St. W
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Dear Mayor Bratina:

The McGuinty government believes the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games provide Ontario with a unique opportunity to host a major international sporting event that will provide a legacy of new sports and recreation infrastructure.

As a government, our plan has always envisioned Hamilton playing a significant role in the Games. That's why my colleague Ted McMeekin, MPP, and I have consistently supported a stadium in Hamilton that would allow our city to host events during the PanAm Games and provide a lasting legacy for our community.

During recent discussions between our governments, the City of Hamilton has provided assurances that a renovated Ivor Wynne Stadium will be an excellent venue for soccer during the PanAm Games and would provide Hamiltonians with greater access to sports facilities after the Games. Specifically, the City has indicated that by renovating Ivor Wynne Stadium, Hamilton will gain a facility that will provide youth and adults with a greater opportunity to engage in sports and recreation activities at the amateur and high school levels.

It is important that we work together to deliver results for Hamilton families and seize this unique opportunity. To help move Hamilton's PanAm Games stadium forward, the McGuinty government will make a one-time payment to the City of Hamilton representing \$22.5 Million (in 2014 dollars). This significant investment is another indication of the McGuinty government's commitment to the families in our city.

The 2015 PanAm Games is going to be an exciting event for Ontario. Hamiltonians can look forward to their city playing a significant role in the Games, which will be the largest sporting event ever held in Canada.

Sincerely,

Sophia Aggelonitis, MPP
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Cc: Ted McMeekin, MPP; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rick Bartolucci; Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing William Forward