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Regional Chair
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Dear Chair Iannicca:

It was a pleasure meeting with the Region of Peel delegation at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario annual conference.

I would like to express my appreciation to you and your teams across Peel for your valuable contributions and dedication to helping victims and survivors of human trafficking. Peel's Integrated Services Hub will offer much needed supports to women survivors of domestic violence and youth in the community who have been victimized and sexually exploited.

As you know, Ontario's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy reflects the valuable input we heard from survivors of human trafficking, Indigenous communities, law enforcement and frontline service providers. Between 2020 and 2025, we will be investing up to \$307 million in a comprehensive action plan to combat human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children and youth. We are focusing on four key areas with actions across government to: raise awareness of the issue, protect victims and intervene early, support survivors and hold offenders accountable.

I recognize the invaluable expertise of persons with lived experience, and the critical role of anti-human trafficking and frontline service providers, as well as Indigenous-led organizations and communities, including the dedicated people and community-based organizations in Peel, in driving anti-human trafficking efforts across the province and within our communities, and enhancing specialized supports. Our government is committed to ongoing engagement and collaboration to help ensure our approach remains agile and effective, and responsive to local needs.

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We look forward to strengthening our partnerships and collaborative work, including identifying challenges and opportunities so we can continue to enhance the availability of and access to specialized supports for victims, survivors and persons at risk of human trafficking, including culturally safe, respectful, and responsive supportive services.

Thank you for everything you are doing for your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Fullerton".

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
Minister

c. The Honourable Jane McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues