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November 9, 2021

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**November 9, 2021**  
REGION OF PEEL  
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Dear Regional Chair Iannicca:

Thank you for your letter, forwarded to me by the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, regarding Peel Council's motion inquiring about legislation to prohibit protests related to COVID-19 public health measures near hospitals, healthcare facilities or schools. As the Minister responsible for community safety in Ontario, I am pleased to respond.

Our government continues to adapt and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as it evolves, and we know our municipal partners are on the front lines of this effort providing the critical services people depend on every day. I appreciate the ongoing support and partnership of Peel Region during these unprecedented times.

As has been the case throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the health, safety and well-being of Ontarians remains the government's number one priority. Our government will continue to work with health and enforcement agencies to support ongoing efforts to keep all Ontarians safe and secure.

I appreciate your ongoing collaboration and patience as we work together to support the people of Ontario.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General

REFERRAL TO \_\_\_\_\_  
RECOMMENDED \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTION REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_  
RECEIPT RECOMMENDED ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

c: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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September 24, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of Regional Council, I would like to take the opportunity once again to thank you and your government for the leadership you have shown in response to COVID-19 and your continued support of the residents and businesses of Peel as we continue to combat the pandemic.

At its meeting yesterday, Regional Council approved a motion calling on the Ontario government to enact legislation to prohibit protests related to COVID-19 public health measures or vaccination mandates that occur in close proximity to hospitals, healthcare facilities or schools, as these disruptive crowds are impeding and delaying access to these facilities and critical health services. Regional Council is particularly concerned that these protests pose a serious threat to the health and safety of employees working in these locations, as well as students and those who require medical care.

Protests are not just occurring in our province, but across the country. Yesterday, the Quebec government passed legislation to make it illegal to protest within 50 metres of schools, daycares, hospitals, medical clinics, COVID-19 vaccination sites and testing centres in their jurisdiction. We ask that similar measures be implemented in Ontario to help ensure that those needing medical attention have unrestricted access to health facilities, medical services and schools, and would also protect the health and safety of our already overburdened healthcare and educational workers.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to the implementation of measures to address these serious concerns.

Kindest personal regards,



Nando Iannicca  
Regional Chair & Chief Executive Officer  
Region of Peel

Att: Resolution regarding Item 8.1, September 23, 2021

cc: Peel MPPs  
Mayor Allan Thompson, Town of Caledon  
Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton  
Mayor Bonnie Crombie, City of Mississauga