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Dear Mr. Iannicca:

Thank you for your letter of congratulations on my re-appointment as Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. I appreciate your kind words of support and am honoured that the Premier has, once again, entrusted me with this important responsibility to improve the lives and deliver results on behalf of Ontario's seniors and people with disabilities.

Our government respects the contributions of – and challenges facing – seniors and people with disabilities. That respect, and our determination to always do better, will continue to be at the heart of everything we do.

I look forward to supporting positive aging for Ontario's growing population of older adults by encouraging active engagement and healthy lifestyles in their communities. We also know that Ontario's seniors prefer to live independently in communities, and that they may need timely access to services and supports. Our government is committed to supporting seniors to reach these goals and help them maintain their quality of life.

As per the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, we will continue to identify, and remove, barriers for people with disabilities to make the province more accessible and inclusive for everyone. As we enter our second term, we will also continue to work towards supporting people with disabilities in obtaining meaningful employment ensuring their full participation in Ontario's economy.

We look forward to continuing to work with our partners and thank you in advance for all your hard work, dedication and support on behalf of Ontario's seniors and people with disabilities.

Once again, thank you for your congratulations. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,
Honourable Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

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Dear Minister Cho:

On behalf of the Region of Peel, I congratulate you on your recent re-appointment as Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. We look forward to continuing our positive and constructive relationship with you to address key issues impacting communities in Peel and across the province. Strong relationships between our levels of government have never been more important as we continue moving cautiously into the recovery phase of the pandemic.

Forecasted growth is expected to result in approximately 2.3 million people by 2051 in Peel and seniors continue to be the fastest growing age group in the region. For our seniors, a specialized approach to care both in traditional and community-based long-term care is required to adequately meet the complex care needs of this population. We look forward to work with you and your government to achieving the best care possible for this vulnerable population.

Another matter of importance to our seniors is dental care. Peel Public Health is developing a strategy to improve the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program implementation in Peel. Without changing the service delivery model beyond publicly funded clinics, or additional capital and operational funding, we anticipate meeting the demand for services to continue to be challenging.

As we move further into the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will need to work in lockstep to be successful. Municipal governments know the local needs and concerns of our communities and the Region looks forward to partnering with you on the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Congratulations once again and I wish you much success in this portfolio. Please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Kindest personal regards,



Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer