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Mr. Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Region of Peel

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Dear Mr. Iannicca:

Thank you for your kind words of congratulations on my reappointment as Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. It is an honour to continue to lead this important ministry that provides much-needed services and supports to Ontarians.

In the coming weeks and months, our focus will be on meeting and collaborating with our sector partners.

Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government will continue improving services through key initiatives, including developmental services reform, implementing the needs-based Ontario Autism Program, and a new vision for Ontario's social services system.

I understand Peel Region has many strong community partnerships and is actively involved in community initiatives, specifically your organization's commitment to anti-human trafficking strategies. I look forward to learning more about Peel Region's Integrated Services Hub and how this initiative can help shape how anti-human trafficking services are delivered and the important partnerships with Our Place Peel, EFRY, Hope and Help for Women, and the Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin to improve access to supports.

I look forward to connecting with Ontarians to help strengthen services and supports for children, youth, individuals and families.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services

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July 12, 2022

The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
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Dear Minister Fullerton:

On behalf of the Region of Peel, I congratulate you on your re-appointment as Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. We look forward to continuing our 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.

As we have discussed with you on several occasions, we share an ongoing commitment to eradicate human trafficking in all forms. Support from the provincial government has been key to the success of the Region's three-year pilot program that places prevention, intervention and exits/housing at the centre of our approach.

Far too many human trafficking cases originate in the GTA, including Peel Region and the pandemic further amplified the need for increased access to services and housing for human sex trafficking survivors in Peel. With this in mind, the Region has approved the Anti-Human Sex Trafficking pilot as a permanent program. We look forward to discussing with you and your staff how the Province can continue to support this important work at next month's AMO Conference.

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. Carrying forward the positive momentum we have made on this issue will ensure the long-term sustainability of needed services and supports to those impacted by human sex trafficking.

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