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**Subject: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Supply Shortage during COVID-19 Pandemic**

Dear Minister:

On behalf of the Region of Peel thank you for your continued support during this challenging time with the COVID-19 pandemic. As you may be aware, the Region of Peel has declared a state of emergency (see attached). While we continue to work with our provincial and federal counterparts, we would like to inform you of the urgent need to expand the supply chains for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to reduce the infection risk of our health service and first responders.

Currently, the Region of Peel is significantly concerned with the status of our depleted PPE in order to meet the needs of our staff in Paramedics, Long Term Care, Housing facilities, Shelters, Public Health Clinics, and Transhelp bus drivers, our general operational needs and those of our residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, we are on backorder for large PPE orders for each of our five Long Term Care homes. At present we have approximately 1 to 2-week supply of PPE onsite in our Long Term Care homes.

We continue to actively look for partners to collaborate with and leverage to aid in our PPE supply requirements. As such, the Region welcomes the launch of the Province's new website, Ontario Together, which aims to remove barriers allowing Ontario's manufacturing sector to redeploy capacity towards the production of essential equipment like ventilators, masks and swabs.

Until the PPE supply chain shortages resolve, the Region urges the Province to add municipal and regional health and first responders access to the supply chain entities. Further, the Region encourages the Province to continue to share all its resources and influence with the various supplier and distribution lines. Actively engaging the municipal sector in initiatives aiming to increase supply chain capacity, will help expedite the flow of PPE to the frontlines, where it is needed the most during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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RECOMMENDED \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTION REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_  
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We look forward to your immediate attention to addressing the Region's need and urge you and your staff to expeditiously contact Steven Dickson, Logistics Chief, Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) at 905-791-7800 x4323 or [steven.dickson@peelregion.ca](mailto:steven.dickson@peelregion.ca) to discuss how we can collectively resource all our community needs during this challenging time.

Kindest personal regards,



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