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Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair
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Dear Regional Chair Iannicca:

I am writing with respect to the Region of Peel's second request for financial support from the Government of Canada under the Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP) for costs incurred in the provision of interim housing to asylum claimants in calendar year 2023.

I understand that your officials have provided Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) with Peel's final costs for 2023. I am pleased to report that IRCC is prepared to offer the Region of Peel \$22.4 million in total reimbursement for 2023 expenses. With the \$10 million instalment payment IRCC provided in December, this leaves a balance of \$12.4 million. I will ask IRCC officials to work with yours to confirm details and finalize an agreement for the final payment for our signatures at your earliest convenience.

As you are aware, on January 31, 2024, I announced \$362.4 million in additional IHAP funding for fiscal year 2023-2024, enabling jurisdictions to seek reimbursement for costs incurred in the first quarter of 2024. IRCC officials will be available to work with yours over the coming weeks to process claims for 2024 Q1 expenses—I am pleased to hear that Peel recently received approval for a lease agreement for a new reception centre, and I understand that the reception centre could be in place by the end of March. As part of the \$7M commitment announced in November towards costs of opening and operating a reception centre, Peel is encouraged to claim related costs incurred as part of its 2024 Q1 IHAP claim.

I would like to again express my gratitude for Peel's ongoing commitment to providing assistance to asylum claimants and other newcomers in recent years, particularly in 2023. Many thanks as well to the Region of Peel senior officials with whom IRCC has worked closely on this file.

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The Region of Peel continues to be a key partner to IRCC, and I am confident that our effective collaboration will continue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

The Honourable Marc Miller, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship