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Dear Minister Clark,

As you will recall, your Government assisted a number of public sector employers earlier in the pandemic with a regulation which provided them greater flexibility in deploying staff.

The specific matter of Regulation 157/20 under the Emergency Measures and Civil Protection Act was raised at the weekly meeting of the GTHA Mayors and Chairs today and it was agreed that I would write to you on their behalf requesting it be extended. The discussion centered on an extension of at least 30 days and perhaps as long as 60 days. We would further request that you consult with us at that time, before taking any decision to allow these regulations to lapse, as situations could have changed considerably by that that. You will recall that the Toronto City Manager, Chris Murray wrote to Stephen Davidson in the same regard by way of a letter dated August 13, 2020.

The original impetus behind this Regulation, namely to temporarily suspend the provisions of certain collective agreements to which municipalities are parties in order to permit them to more effectively and efficiently redeploy staff in response to the pandemic, is as relevant and necessary today as it was then.

We discussed in the meeting both the fact that there was a fairly broad understanding of the need for this Regulation when it was originally enacted and we believe that continues to be the case. Such an extension would also carry with it the support of the Mayors and Chairs which we would articulate in any manner you would find helpful.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we stand ready to discuss it with you further should you wish to do so.

Sincerely,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

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