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Dear Minister Clark:

On behalf of the Region of Peel Council, I would like to thank the provincial government for the ongoing support provided throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. While we were not able to meet with you at this year's AMO Conference, the Region's delegation met with your colleagues for a series of productive and engaging discussions about shared priorities.

Attached to this letter are two of the Region's AMO briefing notes. The first outlines the need for adequate resources and supports to address affordable housing and homelessness. The second focuses on COVID-19 impacts to the Region's finances.

To improve housing affordability outcomes in Peel, Regional Council approved the Housing Master Plan, a long-term capital infrastructure plan to guide how more affordable housing will be created in Peel.

The Region has committed \$1 billion to support development of an initial 2,240 units, to be built by 2028. However, we are only two-thirds of the way to funding this commitment, which includes \$335.3 million committed by the Region, \$276.4 million through CMHC and \$61.1 million committed through federal and provincial housing programs. We need the support of the provincial government to fund the remaining \$327.2 million to increase urgently needed housing investments in Peel.

The Safe Restart Agreement demonstrates how a multi-level approach can effectively and efficiently address our shared priorities, including affordable housing and others. The Region has now received details on allocation of funding for Phase 1 under this agreement and we appreciate the clarity this will bring to determining the Region's 2020 fiscal position. Similarly, we also appreciate the \$9.7 million received through the Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 and we want to continue working closely with the Province, as well as the federal government, to provide the immediate supports needed to protect the most vulnerable in our communities as we address ongoing pressures associated with this pandemic.

Intergovernmental cooperation has defined the response to this crisis and supported recovery efforts. In keeping with this approach, municipalities expect pandemic-related costs will be ongoing, requiring further financial support in the months ahead. The Region looks forward to working with you to help cover COVID-19 costs, maintain readiness for pandemic response and continue building economic recovery.

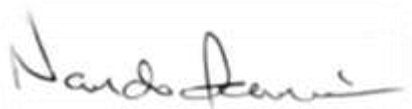
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Municipalities are the level of government closest to its residents and we support your belief that strong communities are indeed the foundation for an even stronger Ontario. The all-level-of-government approach to dealing with COVID-19 has proven to be productive and we look forward to continuing to work together during the recovery phase in addressing these issues and other key priorities.

Kindest personal regards,



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