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The Honourable Jill Dunlop  
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services  
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Dear Minister Dunlop:

On behalf of the Region of Peel Council, thank you for the opportunity to meet during the recent AMO Conference to discuss how we can continue to work together and further align our respective anti-human trafficking strategies.

As you know, in Peel, we are confronting the issue of human sex trafficking through a pilot program, which is fully funded by the Region and for which we are seeking ongoing support. Our approach combines enforcement and criminal justice consequences for traffickers, while also addressing the needs of victims and those who are vulnerable to exploitation. By providing a transition pathway for victims, through education and awareness, the program supports victims in moving forward in their lives.

We are encouraged by the recent call for funding applications under your government's Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund. The Region is requesting provincial funding to extend the Region's pilot program beyond the current three-year timeline and to provide frontline enhancements for victims, including the addition of a mental health nurse and increased staffing, which is reflective of other Canadian best-practice models. These services would augment the Safe House, which is currently operational and the soon-to-be-opened Transitional Housing and Service Hub. We look forward to your response to our submission.

The Region continues to advance this issue through the Peel Human Trafficking Service Providers Committee, which includes ongoing engagement with the Elizabeth Fry Society and over 40 community stakeholders and senior decision makers, including Peel Regional Police. We appreciate your suggestion to re-package our strategy and share it with other communities where human trafficking is also a concern. As highlighted during our meeting, some of this work is already being undertaken; we will continue to look for other opportunities.

Thank you once again for meeting with us. We appreciate the ongoing collaboration with the Province as we work toward a common goal to eradicate human sex trafficking.

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Kindest personal regards,



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