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Dear Ms. Horwath:

On behalf of Region of Peel Council, thank you for the opportunity to meet at the recent AMO Conference. We appreciated the discussion on COVID-19 costs and longer-term economic recovery and look forward to continued dialogue.

As discussed in our meeting, responding to COVID-19 requires an all-level-of-government approach. We are encouraged by the ongoing collaboration between the provincial and federal governments to provide immediate funding support to offset substantial incremental costs and loss of revenue associated with COVID-19.

While the Region appreciates receiving \$27.3 million in Safe Restart Agreement funding through Phase 1 of the municipal operating stream, more will be required to help offset COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. As mentioned during our meeting, we are seeking your support in urging the provincial government to move forward on Phase 2 of the municipal operating stream as soon as possible.

Our Regional delegation was also pleased to discuss with you the critical need to do more to protect our most vulnerable seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the pandemic, the Region has remained dedicated to providing emotionally focused care through the Butterfly Home model to successfully address clinical needs while protecting the health and safety of residents and improving the well-being of those living with dementia using innovative, person-centred approaches.

In addition, to meet the growing and diverse needs of Peel's seniors' population, the Region continues to advocate for increased funding for seniors' supports. This includes funding for home and community care, dementia supports in long-term care and the Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor. The Region requires a targeted, minimum investment of \$30 million to enable the redevelopment of our Peel Manor site to ensure it meets current standards aligned to the Province's commitment to invest in building new and redeveloping older long-term care homes.

As we discussed, the Region has also made a request to participate in the Province's independent commission to review Ontario's long-term care system and we would appreciate any support you could provide in encouraging the Province to accept our request.

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Once again, the Region appreciates meeting with you at this year's AMO Conference and looks forward to working with you on other key priorities, critical to Peel residents and communities. Please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Kindest personal regards,



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