January 22, 2008

His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letters providing me with a copy of council’s resolutions regarding poverty reduction and the Nutrition Food Basket Report. I appreciate your keeping me informed of council’s activities.

No one deserves to live in poverty. My colleagues and I will continue to do everything in our power to help struggling families and to provide our children with opportunities for success. I firmly believe that by expanding opportunities for children and families, we are investing in Ontario’s future.

As we move forward, together, we will focus our efforts on helping low-income families achieve a higher quality of life. To meet that end, we have formed a new Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction, chaired by the Minister of Children and Youth Services, the Honourable Deb Matthews. The committee will coordinate the work of various ministries to identify poverty indicators, and will develop and implement a poverty reduction strategy, which will include specific, measurable targets to mark our government’s progress.

As Minister Matthews would also be interested in this matter, I have sent her a copy of council’s resolutions. I trust that the minister will also take your views into consideration.

Mayor Eisenberger, I want everyone to be a part of — and to benefit from — our government’s ongoing plan to deliver greater success for students, better health care, more jobs, a cleaner and greener environment, and a higher quality of life. And I am confident we can do that by continuing to work, dream and build together.
Thank you again for the information. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

c: The Honourable Deb Matthews