October 5, 2006

Mr. Larry Di Ianni
Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
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Dear Mr. Di Ianni:

Thank you for your letter of September 15, 2006, regarding the need to limit the sale of large quantities of alcohol to members of the general public. As Minister of Government Services with responsibility for alcohol legislation and policies, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I understand your concerns regarding large quantities of beer, often in kegs, being purchased for resale at unsupervised public gatherings. Keg parties pose a serious threat to public safety and have significant cost implications for local police services.

My ministry is currently in the process of updating the Liquor Licence Act (LLA) to increase public safety, improve service delivery and enhance consumer choice. As you will appreciate, it is important to continue to update the LLA to ensure that it meets the needs of the public and business.

The concerns you raised, regarding the public safety implications of unregistered sales of large quantities of alcohol, were mentioned during the public consultation process. While the LLA does not address the retail operations of The Beer Store, the government recognizes the seriousness of this matter and is currently reviewing the issue to determine what action can be taken.

Again, thank you for writing and providing your input on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gerry Phillips
Minister of Government Services