June 9, 2009

His Worship
Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
City Centre
77 James Street North
Suite 230
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Re: Confirmation of Funding Allocation for Provincial Rent Bank Program

Since 2004, Ontario’s Rent Bank Program has been an important part of the government’s homelessness strategy and has helped to prevent the eviction of 18,786 tenants province-wide. As part of our Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Province has committed to providing $5 million annually for Ontario’s Rent Bank Program.

For 2009/10, funding allocations are based on a formula that includes an equally weighted combination of population, core-housing need, and renter population for each service-manager area. Based on this formula, the funding allocation for the City of Hamilton for the fiscal year of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 is $226,648.

This allocation amount will be available to you once you have signed the new Rent Bank Agreement. Details about the new agreement will be sent to you under separate cover.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in delivering the Provincial Rent Bank Program to help tenants in need throughout Ontario.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Watson, MPP
Minister

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c: The Honourable Ted McMeekin, MPP, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale
Ms. Sophia Aggelonitis, MPP, Hamilton Mountain
Ms. Andrea Horwath, MPP, Hamilton Centre
Mr. Tim Hudak, MPP, Niagara West-Glanbrook
Mr. Paul Miller, MPP, Hamilton East-Stoney Creek
Mr. Glen Peace, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Hamilton