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Fred Eisenberger  
Chair  
City of Hamilton Board of Health  
Office of the Mayor  
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Dear Mr. Eisenberger:

As you know, as part of Ontario’s Poverty Reduction Strategy, the government has committed $45 million a year to provide access to dental services for low-income children and youth. On behalf of the McGuinty government, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your dedication to a new dental program that will build upon and link with current investments, as well as expand access to services for low-income children and youth.

To support the City of Hamilton Board of Health’s implementation of a basic dental program for low-income children and youth, I am pleased to advise you that the province is providing your public health unit with one-time capital funding in the calendar year 2010 of $500,000 to develop or expand your existing community-based dental infrastructure in accordance with the business case you submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care earlier this year. The province is also providing your health unit with operational funding in 2010 of $483,381 to support community model implementation and access to services starting September 1, 2010 and additional one-time administrative funding of $33,833 to support initial program start-up.

Provincial support for this program is being provided on a 100% basis.

You will receive correspondence shortly from Allison J. Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health Division, that will include further information regarding your approved funding for 2010 and the associated terms and conditions, including a sign-back agreement.
Thank you for your important role in the planning and implementation of this exciting public health initiative.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Deb Matthews
Minister

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