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VIA EMAIL

June 8, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,

We would like to thank you for the leadership role that you and your government have played during these unprecedented times as we work together to stop the spread of COVID-19. As you know, municipalities have been working closely with the Province to support our communities through these unprecedented times and in moving forward into recovery. We look forward to continuing to support our community partners to stabilize our local economy.

The Ontario regional re-opening to stage 2 was announced on Monday, June 8th. Halton has a strong adherence to social distancing and public health measures, and we have been able to maintain low case numbers. As of June 8, 2020, Halton has 745 confirmed cases, and 91 active cases of COVID-19, as well as no known institutional outbreaks. Halton's COVID-19 case numbers make up a small fraction of the total provincial cases. In addition, our hospitals are sustaining adequate capacity and at least 90 per cent of new COVID-19 contacts are being reached by Halton public health officials within one day. These are all measures that the Province has indicated are requirements to move into phase 2, and given the high number of cases in other municipalities across the GTA and Greater Golden Horseshoe, we understand why they are not moving forward in this phased approach. Halton however, does not have these same issues.

We would urge you to reconsider allowing Halton Region to transition to phase 2 of the re-opening, as our case numbers remain low, our hospitals have capacity and our contact tracing is at the provincially required levels.

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We thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing from you or your office on this matter in the coming days.

Sincerely,

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Regional Chair

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