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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
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RE: Personal Protective Equipment requirements of Halton Region

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I would like to take this opportunity 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. Municipalities are working around the clock to support our communities through the pandemic, to keep residents safe and to help people and businesses through these economic challenges. We are all taking extraordinary measures to support our residents, including our most vulnerable.

Halton staff, whether in paramedic services, long-term care or public health, have been working tirelessly to protect the health and safety of our residents. We have been collaborating with the provincial Ministry of Health on reporting, requesting and securing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Halton's needs. Internally, we have been working diligently to prioritize, manage as well as secure our own PPE supplies to meet the growing needs of our staff and residents in long-term care.

We understand that both the Federal and Provincial Government are working hard to provide the necessary PPE to front line health care workers, to keep them and patients safe. I would, however, ask for your formal assistance to expedite the provision of PPE to Ontario and Halton Region, as we need to be able to meet increased testing requirements while continuing to protect our front line health care workers. Specifically, we are requesting Nasal Pharyngeal swabs, N95 and surgical masks, sanitizer wipes and gel.

We have been working with the Provincial Government to request these supplies. However, some of our PPE delivery remains outstanding and it is critical that we receive these supplies as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We will continue to work with both the Provincial and Federal Government to protect the health and safety of our residents.

Sincerely

Gary Carr
Regional Chair

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