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Attorney General Downey,

Thank you for making the time to meet with our delegation from the City of Burlington at the virtual AMO conference last week.

My colleagues and I appreciated having the opportunity to share our city's priorities with you as they relate to the Ministry of the Attorney General:

- Inclusiveness and diversity for our community and visitors through policy decisions as well as initiatives such as our rainbow crosswalks and Black Lives Matter sidewalk art installation.
- Anti-racism and related actions to prevent hate crimes in partnership with police.
- Access to justice for residents of Burlington and Halton Region

We are attaching a copy of the presentation we shared with you during our conversation if you find it helpful to reference.

We look forward to speaking further about the possibility of a new provincial offence related to racist or hate-based speech incidents that do not meet the current threshold for a hate crime so that we can better support anti-racism, diversity and inclusion in our community.

As discussed in our conversation, we will await future discussions with you, the Police Chief, Halton mayors and CAO with respect to the plans for the Burlington and Milton courthouses and receiving more detail from your office on the timelines and transformational technology that will be offered to our shared communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marianne Meed Ward". The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
City of Burlington

cc: MPP Jane McKenna, MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP Parm Gill