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VIA EMAIL

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&

The Honourable Vic Fedeli
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Dear Premier Ford & Minister Fedeli:

I am writing to you on behalf of many businesses in Halton Hills who are having a difficult time during the pandemic. They are suffering from stress and so much uncertainty.

To address this, I urge you and your federal counterparts to fill gaps in existing supports by:

- Enabling business in the red zone, particularly in the hardest-hit sectors including restaurants, retail and entertainment, to access the same level of property tax and energy bill rebates as businesses in lockdown zones,
- Ensuring new businesses, including those that launched during the pandemic, can access the full range of federal and provincial supports,
- Working collaboratively with the federal government to increase supports for restaurants and businesses that own their own building and are therefore ineligible for the rent subsidy program, and
- Ensuring small businesses and restaurant representatives have a seat at the table in discussions about supports for the sector.

The Town of Halton Hills recognizes the hard work and supports the efforts of Public Health to keep our community safe. I recognize these decisions are based on the best advice from the Medical Officer of Health. I urge you to link restaurant capacity to square footage. One size does not fit all.

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It is imperative the Provincial and Federal government support local businesses to survive and recover. Small local businesses and restaurants add so much to the jobs, assessment and character to our municipality. Minister, they need your help.

This an urgent request.

Sincerely,



Rick Bonnette
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills

cc: Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce
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