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As Ontario strives to build a stronger, more inclusive future, Mississauga stands as a testament to what this province can achieve—a dynamic and thriving city that contributes over \$60 billion annually to Ontario's GDP. We are a community of innovation and opportunity, driven by resilient people who believe in the promise of our city and our province.

Yet, like any great city, we face challenges. Housing is increasingly out of reach for too many families, infrastructure struggles to keep pace with our growth, and affordability pressures weigh heavy on our residents. Despite our proud history of strong fiscal management and a AAA credit rating, we cannot tackle these challenges alone. We are doing our part as a city to address the housing crisis, implementing bold solutions to ensure affordable housing for our residents.

Last month, City Council unanimously passed motions informed by my Mayor's Housing Task Force, implementing transformative reforms to accelerate housing development and create lasting affordability. As BILD stated, "These historic actions...remove barriers and costs crippling an industry in crisis," paving the way for increased housing supply to benefit residents and businesses. This leadership highlights the need for provincial support to sustain these efforts.

As a city, we need provincial leadership that matches the ambition and determination of Mississauga. Together, we can ensure we remain a city of opportunity—not just for our community, but for all of Ontario.

We urge the incoming government to take the following actions:

1. Housing-Enabling Infrastructure Investments

- Accelerate planning for the eastern and western expansion of the Dundas BRT to serve a growing population.
- Implement all-day, two-way GO service on the Milton GO Rail Corridor to ease congestion and create housing and economic opportunities.
- Partner with Mississauga to invest in a new transit garage to expand and green our transit fleet in alignment with provincial housing targets.
- Support flood and disaster relief programs to ensure Mississauga is climate-resilient and prepared for future weather events.

2. Make Mississauga Affordable Again

- Establish a new deal for Mississauga, similar to those for Toronto and Ottawa, that includes uploading Hurontario LRT operating costs for the first three years of operation.
- Ensure Peel Region receives equitable per capita funding for infrastructure, services, and social programs.
- Remove the 5% cap on GTAA PILT payments to align with our growing city's needs.
- Address food insecurity through measures such as increasing affordable housing and social assistance rates.

3. Amend the Police Services Act to Reflect Population Shifts in Peel Police Budget Allocation

For years, Mississauga has shouldered a disproportionate share of the Peel Police budget, currently split at 68% for Mississauga and 32% for Brampton, despite the cities having comparable policing and service needs. Now that Brampton's population has surpassed Mississauga's, it is neither fair nor sustainable for Mississauga residents to continue carrying the burden of skyrocketing police budgets through their property taxes. We call for a reallocation of the budget that reflects these shifting demographics and ensures a fairer distribution of policing resources.

Mississauga is a city of opportunity, and with your government's commitment, we can work together to ensure that it remains a place where people choose to live, work, and invest. We look forward to your support in delivering for our city and it's residents.

Sincerely,

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