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Premier Dalton McGuinty  
Room 281, Legislative Building  
Queens Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Mr. Premier:

**Re: Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) Report (BOH07056)**

The 2007 Nutritious Food Basket Report for Hamilton identifies the difficulty that individuals and families on social assistance or earning a minimum wage have in purchasing adequate food to meet their nutritional needs.

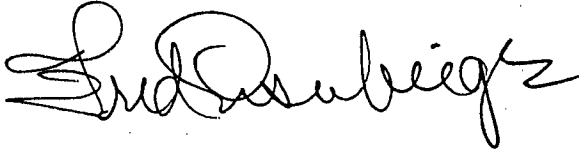
The City of Hamilton Board of Health respectfully requests your support to urge the Government to act on the following recommendations:

- (i) To implement an increase in social assistance and minimum wage rates to a level which will adequately meet the food and shelter needs for the residents of Hamilton;
- (ii) Whereas the City of Hamilton returns its 20% of National Child Benefit claw back through the Hamilton NCB Entitlement Program while still maintaining most social programs originally funded through the NCB, that the Province of Ontario discontinue the National Child Benefit claw back and fully implement the Ontario Child Benefit program as soon as possible;
- (iii) That the Province support and implement the Ontario poverty reduction strategy as soon as possible.

The Medical Officer of Health concurs with this recommendation.

It would be appreciated, if you could reference File #C07-019 when you are corresponding with the City of Hamilton in response to this matter.

Sincerely,



Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton

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