



CITY OF
HAMILTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

RECEIVED

JUL 16 2010

alPHa

July 9, 2010

File # C10-019

The Honourable Dwight Duncan
Minister of Finance and Chair of Management Board of Cabinet
7 Queen's Park Crescent, 7th floor
Toronto, ON, M7A 1Y7

Dear Minister Duncan:

On July 7, 2010, Hamilton City Council approved Item 3 of Board of Health Report 10-0006 as follows:

3. Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) Privatization BOH10020 (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

That the Board of Health advocate to the Ontario Ministry of Finance, that the current monopoly on retail alcohol through the LCBO (Liquor Control Board of Ontario) be maintained.

I am writing to urge you to maintain the LCBO as the regulatory body for the sale of alcohol in this province.

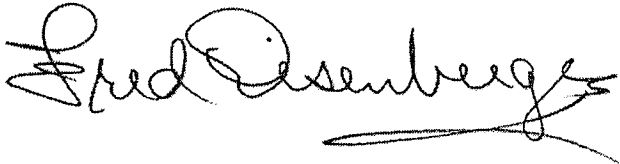
Public control over alcohol sales and distribution is one of the most effective and important tools available to curb the deaths, injuries, illness and social costs that result from alcohol misuse. The sale and distribution of alcohol is different from that of most goods and services.

Previous Ontario governments have carefully reviewed the evidence on the positive and negative aspects of the LCBO privatization proposals, including the likely impact on health and social problems. Those governments decided it was in the best interests of Ontarians to maintain public control over alcohol sales through the LCBO.

Based on existing evidence in favour of public control over privatized alcohol distribution and sales, we urge your government to retain the LCBO.

We look forward to receiving your positive response in regards to this issue and request that you reference File # C10-019 in your correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Eisenberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Fred Eisenberger, Mayor
City of Hamilton

Copies to:

Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, City of Hamilton
Hon Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
Hon Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion of Ontario
Hon Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care of Ontario
Tim Hudak, Leader, Official Opposition, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario
Andrea Horwath, MPP (Hamilton Centre), Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario
Hon Sophia Aggelonitis, MPP (Hamilton Mountain), Minister of Consumer Services
Ted McMeekin, MPP (Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale)
Paul Miller, MPP (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek)
Ms. Liz Haugh, President of the Ontario Public Health Association
Ms. Valerie Sterling, President of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Mr. Barney Savage, Director of Public Policy, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Mr. Andy Murie, CEO of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada
Mr. Patrick Ford, Policy Director, Liquor Control Board of Ontario