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Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor of Hamilton  
Hamilton City Centre  
77 James Street North, Suite 230  
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

Thank you for copying me on your letter, dated February 11, 2008, to Minister McMeekin and Minister Dombrowsky. Your council's motion that no further reductions in race days at Flamboro Downs be allowed is most welcome. As the President of the association that represents horsepeople at Flamboro Downs, and as a resident of Hamilton who works with his family in the racing industry, I appreciate the interest and understanding the motion represents.

The staff report that accompanied the motion notes that OHHA may not have had great success in stemming the decline in race days and that your council's position would not likely have any real impact on provincial government decisions. I can assure you that my association has had an impact on slowing the race date decline and your council's support will strengthen our position and resolve. We shall continue to work to ensure that live horse racing continues to be an important part of Hamilton and Ontario's economic health.

Again, thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think I may be of assistance in moving any of your administration's projects forward. We both are committed to a vibrant and successful Hamilton.

Yours truly,

Jim Whelan  
President

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