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His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
230-77 James Street North  
Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your correspondence of October 19, 2007, regarding a new rail station in Hamilton. Please excuse the delay in replying.

On October 11, 2006, the Government of Canada announced a new funding package for VIA Rail Canada Inc. totalling \$691.9 million over the next five years to revitalize inter-city passenger rail services in Canada. This amount includes funding for infrastructure improvements, as well as equipment and station refurbishments.

As you may be aware, the matter you have raised regarding VIA's rail station in Hamilton falls within the purview of my colleague, the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. I note that your correspondence to me was provided to Minister Cannon as well.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

Sincerely,

James M. Flaherty

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