

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

Thank you for your recent letter. I chose to run for the Liberals this year in part because of the incredible work the government has done over the past four years supporting municipalities. I have long spoken about the importance of municipalities when it comes to delivering infrastructure as I well know that local governments are responsible for 60% while collecting just 10 cents out of every dollar collected in taxes. This imbalance is what has lead Hamilton to see more than \$3 billion in infrastructure debt and an infrastructure funding deficit that rises every year.

Justin Trudeau's Liberal Government began to right this wrong during our first mandate by:

- Ensuring that unspent infrastructure funds from older, inactive programs are transferred to municipalities through the Gas Tax Fund to support infrastructure priorities.
- Doubled the Gas Tax Fund in Budget 2019 providing a one-time injection of \$2.2 billion for municipal projects throughout Canada.
- Launched the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, a 10 year, \$2 billion dollar fund designed to help communities better withstand current and future risks, and to help them adapt their infrastructure to deal with the very real effects of climate change.

On the housing front:

- The Liberal Government introduced the country's first National Housing Strategy which is investing \$13.2 billion in affordable housing units.
- As part of Budget 2019, introduced legislation recognizing the right of Canadians to access adequate housing, while also requiring all future governments to maintain a
- As of March 2019, helped more than 1 million Canadians find places to call home through new builds, repairs, renovations, and rental subsidies as part of more than \$7 billion in housing investments.

A re-elected Liberal government will continue to build on these investments by working directly with municipalities to identify needs within the community. Andrew Scheer however has promised \$63 billion dollars in cuts to programs that Canadians desperately need.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond.

Respectfully submitted,
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