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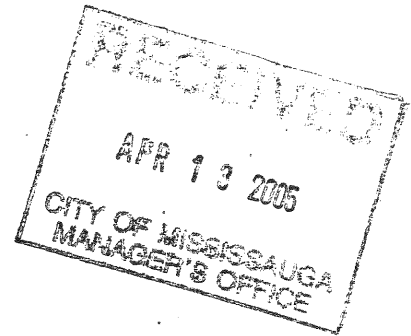
April 13, 2005

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Dear Chair and Mayors:

As we discussed at our meeting of April 7, 2005, the government has chosen a way forward to resolve the ongoing local debate on regional governance issues, to provide fairness and balance and the certainty needed to permit the council to resume its regional governance.

With regard to council structure in Peel, we see a strong need to improve the fairness of representation of electors while preserving the voice of all communities on regional council.

In seeking to strike a balance among diverse local interests in service provision as well as a fair solution to the issues of local representation, we have chosen to retain the current governance structure of Peel Region. To move toward fairer representation, the government has today introduced legislation to add two seats from Mississauga and one from Brampton. If passed by the Legislature, this proposed Bill, known as the *Regional Municipality of Peel Act, 2005*, would result in the new representation model being implemented for the 2006 municipal election.

As for service delivery issues, we fully endorse the recommendations made by the Honourable George W. Adams, Q.C., respecting ways to address service delivery issues in Peel Region, and we encourage the partner municipal governments to move forward to implement the service delivery reviews recommended.

I want to thank you for your dedication and encourage you to move forward to provide strong policy leadership and regional services that are essential to the quality of life of your residents.

Sincerely,


John Gerretsen
Minister