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The Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
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Dear Minister:

I am writing to follow up on a letter that you should have received from Jeff Knoll, Councillor Ward 5 Oakville and Halton Region, and Chair, Halton Police Service Board, regarding the need for a new Courthouse in Halton Region.

Councillor Knoll points out the numerous issues with the current Milton Courthouse, which have and continue to significantly impact the administration of justice in Halton Region. These long-standing deficiencies pose health and safety risks to Board employees, staff, judges, legal professionals, civil parties, accused, victims, witnesses, and the general public. As well, repeated closures due to mold, asbestos and structural concerns have contributed to considerable delays in the judicial process.

Another concern Councillor Knoll emphasizes is the Courthouse's outdated infrastructure, which impedes the safe and efficient management of custody and transportation of accused persons.

Starting in 2014 and for many years following, I worked with other Halton area MPPs and advocated for the need for a new Courthouse to better serve and accommodate the justice needs of our growing communities.

Again, I want to express my strong support for reconsideration of the new courthouse project in Oakville.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ted Arnott, MPP
Wellington-Halton Hills

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