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(Via email)

The Honourable Steve Clark Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing College Park 17th Fl 777 Bay St Toronto ON M5G 2E5

Dear Minister Clark,

As a result of the Government's recent introduction of Bill 108, More Homes, More Choices Act, 2019, Regional Council undertook a review of the amendments to the varied pieces of legislation.

I have attached a copy of the staff report reviewed by Council. Regional Council unanimously agreed to submit our input and recommendations, per the report.

Simply put, Regional Council does not believe that the proposed amendments to the Development Charges Act and section 37 of the Planning Act will meet the Provincial objectives to increase housing supply and affordability in Ontario. Many of the proposed legislative amendments in Bill 108 are contrary to the advice and input provided by most municipalities during the consultation process.

In conclusion, the Regional Municipality of Waterloo urges you and your government to seriously consider the comments, concerns and recommendations in the attached report and reconsider the proposed amendments.

As always, Regional Council and I – along with our staff – would be pleased to provide further input and comments to assist you in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

Paren Redman

Karen Redman Regional Chair

cc: Amy Fee, MPP Mike Harris, MPP Belinda Karahalios, MPP Jamie McGarvey, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario Rod Regier, Commissioner, Planning, Development and Legislative Services (Region of Waterloo)

Attachment:

Report PDL-CPL-19-24/PDL-LEG-19-37, Region's Response to Bill 108, More Homes, More Choices Act, 2019 (ERO Posting Nos. 019-0016 and 019-021)