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ATTN: Hon. Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,

Please accept my sincere apologies for the inappropriate comments I made that appeared in an article in the Hamilton Spectator today. My comments were my own and do not reflect those of the City of Hamilton, Hamilton Public Health Services or Hamilton City Council. I have tremendous respect for the Premier's role in this emergency and the difficult decisions you need to make every day.

I am very passionate about my work but that is no excuse for my inappropriate comments. Our team here at the City of Hamilton— like your own and countless others across the province - continues to work tirelessly to protect the health and well-being of the Hamilton community against the threat of COVID-19. We are doing our very best while facing extraordinary challenges, as I know your government is as well.

You have my personal and professional commitment that our team will continue to look to yourself and the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health for direction and guidance in our collective efforts to respond to this pandemic emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bart Harvey".

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