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Good evening Premier Ford and Deputy Premier Elliott,

Thank you, Premier, for the meeting yesterday.

I am writing to you in response to comments made to the media this afternoon by Dr. Barbara Yaffe regarding Halton Region and recommendations that may be being brought forward to your government.

I share the same concerns that you voiced yesterday regarding avoiding collateral damage while responding to the Second Wave and rising COVID-19 infections across Ontario.

I request that prior to making a decision around the closure of Halton restaurants you consult with the local Mayors and Halton Regional Chair, Gary Carr, and demonstrate conclusive evidence of restaurant-based transmission of COVID-19 in Halton restaurants.

Restaurants in Oakville have been following the rules throughout the pandemic and there has not been a reported outbreak at any local restaurant in Oakville. Restaurants have invested in modifications, procedures and PPE to protect their customers.



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The province should make a decision based on conclusive data that targets the sources of community spread.

For example, earlier this week Halton's Medical Officer of Health responded to the increased infections in sports settings by recommending that all team sports are limited to training only, with proper physical distancing between players and no scrimmages or games, similar to the restrictions currently in place in Toronto, Peel and Ottawa.

Restaurant owners have been some of the hardest hit during this pandemic and those that survived the first wave need our support more than ever before.

Thank you for your leadership during this pandemic. I am available to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rob Burton'.

Mayor Rob Burton