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Your Worship
Mayor Allan Thompson
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Dear Mayor Thompson:

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Thank you for your letter regarding the province's Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) program and your request for my ministry's participation at an upcoming DRAO program information session for Bolton residents.

As you know, I activated the DRAO program for people in the flood-affected area of Bolton on March 26, 2019. Our government remains committed to providing assistance to all eligible applicants to the program, in accordance with published guidelines. I am also pleased to advise that we have recently made improvements to the list of eligible household items and updated the caps on them to provide more assistance to applicants and better support community recovery following natural disasters. The updated list of eligible items and caps is available online: www.ontario.ca/page/apply-disaster-recovery-assistance.

Ministry staff will attend the information session that your municipality is organizing for Bolton residents and will provide information on the DRAO program. I understand that a staff member of my ministry, Priyanka Debnath, Manager, Local Government and Housing Unit, Central Ontario Municipal Services Office, has been in contact with Mike Galloway, your Chief Administrative Officer, regarding my ministry's participation at your proposed session. If you or your staff have any further questions on DRAO, please feel free to contact Ms. Debnath at 416-585-6379 or priyanka.debnath@ontario.ca.

Once again, thank you for your letter. Our government is committed to supporting your community as you recover from this unfortunate event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve'.

Steve Clark
Minister

c: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin – Caledon
Mike Galloway, CAO, Town of Caledon