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Dear Mr. Hsu,

Thank you for your correspondence of June 25, 2014, in which you express concerns regarding the impending closure of the Hamilton Community Correctional Centre (HCCC).

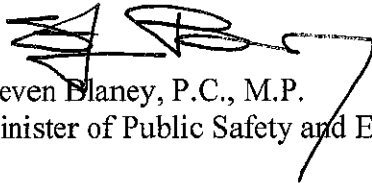
The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) is committed to the protection of Canadians by ensuring the safe and secure reintegration of offenders into our communities. Offenders released from federal institutions may be required to reside in a Community Residential Facility (CRF) or at a Community Correctional Centre (CCC). During the past two years, CSC has worked diligently with its community partners to increase its bed space capacity throughout the province to ensure that, where appropriate, offenders can be managed in their home communities.

CSC is mandated to ensure that appropriate facilities are available to meet the evolving demand for accommodation. Each day, new offenders are released to our communities either as a result of discretionary or statutory release. Consequently, the profile of the community population is constantly changing and precise forecasting of offenders present at HCCC at closure is not possible. However, I can assure you that CSC is developing individual correctional plans for the safe reintegration of each offender assigned to HCCC. It is important to note that not all of the offenders currently residing at HCCC are residents of this area, and they may be accommodated in other home communities under the careful supervision of our CRFs.

In response to your third question, please be advised that the Phoenix Unit located on the Collins Bay complex has been operating as a temporary location for the CCC and was recently closed following the opening of the new Henry Traill CCC. The Phoenix Unit has since been vacated to allow for routine renovations to the facility, and the decision on its role for the future has not been finalized.

With respect to your concerns regarding the Boys and Girls Club, please be advised that the decision of the Club to locate to the Frontenac Mall was undertaken with the pre-existing knowledge of the CCC and the minimum-security unit location. I am also informed that the Boys and Girls Club has requested that CSC consider the possibility of allowing minimum-security offenders to work at the site to provide necessary renovations.

Thank you for writing and sharing your concerns. I trust this information will be of assistance.



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