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Good Morning,

On behalf of the entire Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Caucus, I am reaching out today to ask you to share with your Council our request that your municipality joins us in our campaign to end the Humanitarian Crisis facing this province.

This past August OBCM launched our [SolveTheCrisis.ca](https://www.solve-the-crisis.ca) campaign to address the homelessness, mental health, and addictions crisis happening in municipalities big and small across the entire province. It is already having a significant impact with community partners, businesses, first responders, private sector, and the members of the public who have jumped on board.

We have seen hundreds of media hits, thousands of emails sent to both levels of government and Heads of Councils in every corner of Ontario. We are especially thrilled to see the growing number of municipal councils passing motions of support and hope that we can add your municipality to that list!

I am asking you to join us and help keep this issue at the forefront of discussions taking place at the province and within the federal government.

Attached you will find 3 documents.

They include a list of how you can help, a draft motion that you can use as is or you are more than welcome to make it your own, background information, regional information, funding facts, and what you can ask your residents and community partners to do to help support the SolveTheCrisis campaign.

These materials address why we are doing this, why we are doing it now, and what we are asking for in order to meet the needs of our local communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to having you onboard.

For any questions or to discuss this further, you can reply to me here, or please feel free to reach out to Michelle Baker, OBCM's Executive Director, at michelle@obcm.ca or 647-308-6602

Sincerely,
Marianne Meed Ward

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About Ontario's Big City Mayors

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) is an organization that includes mayors of 29 single and lower-tier cities with a population of 100,000 or more, who collectively represent nearly 70 percent of Ontario's population. OBCM advocates for issues and policies important to Ontario's largest cities.