

**MAYOR PATRICK BROWN**

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Hon. Steve Clark, MPP
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Sent via minister.mah@ontario.ca

RE: Supporting small businesses in the City of Brampton

Dear Minister Clark,

The impact of COVID 19 on Brampton's businesses continues to be daunting. We are grateful for the Federal and Provincial governments for their response and relief programs. However, each day we are hearing from businesses more and more about the continued threat of eviction as they are unable to pay their rent. Businesses who have suffered revenue loss, unable to pay staff are now facing closure of their businesses and evictions.

We are calling on the Provincial government to temporarily ban commercial evictions while businesses wait for approvals of the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (CECRA). Businesses are calling on the government to expand eligibility criteria for CECRA. While these changes are reviewed and planned, we ask for a ban on commercial evictions.

Small business drives our economy, employs millions of Canadians, and has done so much to support our communities. In this dire moment, we must have their backs. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Patrick Brown
Mayor

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Brampton MPPs
Brampton MPs
Members of Brampton City Council
Brampton Board of Trade
Downtown Brampton BIA