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The Honourable Rob Flack
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The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
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Dear Ministers Flack and Bethlenfalvy,

As an employer within the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) pension plan, I am writing to express [Municipality]'s concern with the legislative changes contained in Bill 68.

We share the province's commitment to ensuring OMERS remains strong, sustainable, and responsive to the needs of employers and employees alike. However, Bill 68 risks weakening the very principles that have made the OMERS model stable and accountable for more than two decades.

The changes in Bill 68 would dissolve the independent Sponsors Corporation and replace it with a new "Sponsors Council" that lacks corporate status, independent resources, and fiduciary protections. In practice, this would allow pension decisions to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial exposure for local governments and, ultimately, local taxpayers.

At a time when municipalities are already stretched thin by rising costs, downloaded responsibilities, and growing service demands, we cannot afford new, unfunded pension liabilities or diminished accountability. Ontarians expect their local governments to protect public dollars; we need pension governance structures to do the same.

We believe that the current structure of OMERS, with two corporate Boards is the model that would best deliver on the long-term sustainability of the pension plan. This model works because it balances independence, accountability, and fairness between employers and employees.

We urge your ministries to work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all OMERS sponsors to chart a path forward on regulations, by-laws, and any further legislative changes. Municipalities stand ready to work collaboratively with the province to strengthen governance, enhance transparency, and protect the long-term interests of workers, communities, and taxpayers.

Sincerely,

[Head of Council's Name]

[Position], [Municipality Name]