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To: City of Toronto Licensing and Standards Committee:

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Chair Councilor Jim Karygiannis,
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Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker
Councilor Frank Di Giorgio
Councilor Frances Nunziata

Good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, the professional society of Canadian Allergists.

We certainly welcome any initiatives that aim to help the millions of Canadians who deal with food allergies on a daily basis. We are presently working on an Evidence-based process to produce Guidelines for the provision of 'stock' Epinephrine in Canadian schools, which is nearing completion. There are at present no Evidence-based Guidelines for the utility of stocking Epinephrine in public places. There are many legal, financial and societal issues surrounding such an initiative. This sort of initiative is currently only in the pilot project stage in one Canadian jurisdiction, and does not specifically address widespread use in restaurants. This type of pilot project may be something that the City of Toronto should consider.

Should you decide to proceed to have the City Manager explore new policy options related to Food Allergy prevention and treatment, we could arrange to have a representative present to the City Manager group (with advance notice of the Hearing) with respect to the best knowledge we have available on this topic.

We are also aware of a submission from Food Allergy Canada. A very important point that they make is that a new Food Allergy Policy that does not include provisions for the education of food service employees for the prevention of allergic reactions makes little sense. Primary prevention of food allergy reactions would certainly be preferable than the need for Epinephrine later and we support increased education for all of those involved.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Fischer
CSACI President

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