





Councillor Paul Ainslie Chair, General Government and Licensing Committee 100 Queen St W Toronto, ON M5H 2N2 gglc@toronto.ca

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**RE: City of Toronto Clothing Drop Box Review** 

Dear Chair and Members of the General Government and Licensing Committee,

I am writing to you in support of Mayor Tory's letter requesting the General Government and Licensing Committee direct City staff to speed up the review of the Clothing Drop Box by-law.

As the local City Councillor for where this drop box is located, it filled me with sadness to learn that a member of our community passed away in this manner. After reading the many wonderful stories about Crystal Papineau, this tragic death unfortunately reminds us of the important role that all levels of government can play in addressing the underlying issues of poverty and housing that many in our city are facing every day.

While this happened in Ward 9, it could happen in any part of our city. For the safety of all Torontonians, it is important that we make sure all clothing drop boxes can be used safely and that we commit ourselves to work towards creating a more equitable city for all.

Sincerely,

Ana Bailão **Deputy Mayor** Councillor, Ward 9 – Davenport

