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September 24, 2013

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Chair and Regional Councillors
Region of Peel

Dear Chair and Regional Councillors,

Re: Request for Delegation

MCLS would like to make a delegation to you to seek your support so that Peel can get its fair share of community legal clinic funding.

MCLS is one of 77 community legal clinics in Ontario. We provide poverty law services (housing, social assistance, disability benefits, CPP disability, WSIB, and immigration) for Mississauga residents and WSIB services for Brampton residents. Our current staff complement of 10 people have not increased since 2002 despite the fact that the population that we serve has dramatically increased.

This has resulted in Mississauga and the Region of Peel being one of the most underserved communities in the province with respect to poverty law services. We intend to provide you with a presentation that includes statistical evidence of how underserved this community is compared to almost every other city in Ontario. We are attaching one document that will be presented at the delegation.

Our Executive Director, Terrence Edgar, and the Chair of our Board, Charmaine Mitchell, request the opportunity to address this important challenge to you.

Yours truly,

MISSISSAUGA COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES

Douglas Kwan
Staff Lawyer

REFERRAL TO the Intergovernmental Relations
Advisory Committee
RECOMMENDED
DIRECTION REQUIRED _____
RECEIPT RECOMMENDED _____

APPENDIX 1 : WHO ARE THE MOST UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN THE GTA* IN 2006?

| COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC | LICO POP.** | F/T Staff | LICO/STAFF RATIO |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| CLCYR (York Region) | 112,170 | 10 | 11,217 |
| <i>Peel Region Legal Clinics</i> | | | |
| NPDCLS (Brampton, Caledon, Dufferin) | 65,870 | 6 | 10,978 |
| <u>MCLS (Mississauga)</u> | <u>104,190</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>10,419</u> |
| Total for Peel | 170,060 | 16 | 10,629 |
| <i>Toronto Legal Clinics</i> | | | |
| WSCAR (West Scarborough) | 69,115 | 7 | 9,874 |
| Scarborough | 89,925 | 10 | 8,993 |
| Downsview | 51,930 | 6 | 8,655 |
| Flemingdon | 67,140 | 8 | 8,393 |
| Willowdale | 38,920 | 5 | 7,784 |
| West Toronto (Dundas/Keele) | 38,930 | 6 | 6,488 |
| SETOB (South Etobicoke) | 30,260 | 5 | 6,052 |
| YCS (York) | 36,075 | 7 | 5,154 |
| Jane (Jane/Finch) | 39,295 | 8 | 4,912 |
| NLS (Regent Park) | 33,850 | 7 | 4,836 |
| REX (Rexdale) | 34,905 | 8 | 4,363 |
| EAST (South/East Toronto) | 24,875 | 6 | 4,146 |
| KENB (Kensington/Trinity Bellwoods) | 25,755 | 7 | 3,679 |
| <u>PCLS (Parkdale)</u> | <u>23,520</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>1,238</u> |
| Total | 604,495 | 109 | 5,546 |

*The GTA Region is a designation by Legal Aid Ontario that encompasses the municipalities of the Region of Peel, Toronto, and York Region.

**Low Income Cut Off data from 2006 Census