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Subject: United in Democracy: Strong Mayor Powers Motion for Your Consideration

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to share a draft motion that was developed collaboratively with fellow elected officials from neighboring municipalities. This motion speaks to a concern we share deeply—the recent expansion of Strong Mayor Powers by the Province of Ontario.

As stewards of local democracy, we have a duty to uphold the principles of transparency, accountability, and collaborative governance. The proposed expansion of these powers' risks undermining those very foundations by concentrating authority and diminishing the voices of our councils and communities. Our motion aims to address these concerns clearly and respectfully, advocating for a governance model that remains inclusive and democratic.

In the spirit of unity and collective strength, I invite you to bring this motion forward to your own councils, should you feel inclined. You are encouraged to revise it as needed to reflect the values, context, and priorities of your municipality. Please also feel free to circulate this email and motion to other municipal councils within your region who may wish to consider lending their voices to this collective effort.

When municipalities stand together, we amplify our voice.

Thank you for considering this. If you wish to discuss or collaborate further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

With respect and solidarity,

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