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The Hon. Yasir Naqvi, MPP
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Dear Mr. Naqvi:

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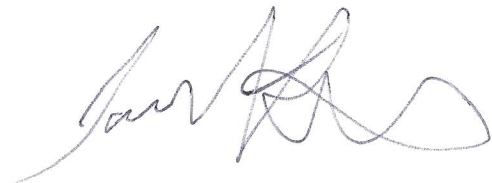
I am writing today in regard to the upcoming World Cup which kicks off on June 14th. As you, through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, are responsible for the service hours in licensed establishments in Ontario. With the exception of the City of Toronto, it is in the AGCO's purview to allow the extension of hours for special events or dates.

On behalf of the licensed bars and restaurants across the province, Restaurants Canada would like to request that the hours be expanded to allow for early service in order to recognize the early start times as a result of the Russian time zones.

In the past, licensees have been allowed to open early if the local municipality allowed for the change. Licensees have taken this additional responsibility seriously and there have been no issues arising from the expanded hours in the past.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to have your staff contact me should you wish to discuss this further or if you would like more information.

Sincerely,



James Rilett
Vice President, Central Canada