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Denis G. Kelly
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Kelly,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Poverty Action for Change Coalition (PACC). PACC's mandate is to raise community awareness of poverty and the income security issues facing marginalized York Region residents through research, public education and initiatives that effect change.

The First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty ends this year. The theme for the decade is: "Eradicating poverty is an ethical, social, political and economic imperative of humankind."

Each year the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty falls on October 17th. The day is meant to be devoted to presenting and promoting concrete activities of the eradication of poverty and destitution. The theme for this year is "Working Together out of Poverty".

For the last ten years, commemorations and events calling for the eradication of poverty happen across the world and in a variety of forms. PACC is planning a demonstration to create a forum that will allow for people's voices to be heard: activists, politicians and the community members, especially those living within the challenges of poverty. We want to assure that the themes for the day and the decade are made known and spoke about publicly. It is to this end that PACC is asking for the Region of York to recognize and proclaim October 17th as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

We look forward to your response and hope that we can "work together" to effect change for the members of our community that need it the most.

Sincerely,

Tricia Richens
PACC Member