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## Dear Minister Tangri:

On behalf of the Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN), we are writing to congratulate you on your appointment as the Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. We look forward to working with you to support and strengthen communities across the province.

ONN is the independent nonprofit network for the 58,000 nonprofits and charities in Ontario, focused on policy, advocacy and services to strengthen the sector as a key pillar of our society and economy. We work to create a public policy environment that allows nonprofits to thrive. We engage our network of diverse nonprofit organizations across Ontario to work together on issues affecting the sector and channel the voices of our network to government, funders, and other stakeholders.

As you may know, Ontario's nonprofit sector plays a vital role as an economic driver, contributing \$65 billion to our province's GDP. As a sector, Ontario nonprofits receive less than half of their revenues from governments, which means they can leverage public investments - via business activities, donations, and the contributions of volunteers - into significantly higher value in the services they deliver to Ontarians, all while creating jobs locally. The nonprofit sector is positioned to support the Ontario government to build a stronger economy and a resilient province. Working together, we can deliver real change.

ONN has appreciated the opportunity to work closely with the Minister's Office, Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, over the last few years. We have been an active participant in the Minister's Stakeholder Advisory Committee throughout the pandemic, and have provided a number or recommendations to the Ministry regarding red tape reduction and supports for Ontario's nonprofits and charities - the majority of whom are considered small to medium sized enterprises.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss how ONN and our network can act as a partner to the government to advance outcomes for the benefit of all Ontarians.

Congratulations again on your new role!

Sincerely,

Cathy Taylor

**Executive Director** 

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