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By email: Parm.Gill@ontario.ca

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Dear Minister Gill:

On behalf of the Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN), we are writing to congratulate you on your appointment as the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. 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.

We recognize that your Ministry will have many connections and intersections with Ontario's nonprofits and charities. As you develop your mandate and priorities, we look forward to sharing with you how the nonprofit sector can act as a partner to the government in service of diverse and thriving Ontario communities.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience. Congratulations again on your new role!

Sincerely,

Cathy Taylor

Executive Director

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