



The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
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By email: Minister.fin@ontario.ca

July 24, 2019

Dear Minister Phillips:

On behalf of the Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN), we are writing to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Finance. We look forward to working with you to support and strengthen Ontarians across the province.

The 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 \$50 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 were pleased to learn via Ontario Budget 2019 that there is interest in moving to consolidate transfer payment agreements. We have been asking for umbrella agreements for nonprofits funded by multiple ministries for some time through our [Joint Funding Reform Forum](#) with the Ontario government. We were also pleased with the Bill 100 change in regulations for target benefit pension plans specifically geared to allow non-union nonprofits and other enterprises to participate in these plans.

The nonprofit sector is eager to continue to partner with government on making public services more efficient. Our service providers are deeply embedded in their communities, providing local employment, harnessing volunteers, and strengthening the fabric of community life. Nonprofits also get Ontarians ready for work through the services we provide, like child care, workforce development services, and newcomer services.

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We are keen to work together with your Ministry staff to discuss how the nonprofit sector, as a critical economic sector, can work with the Ontario government to promote a healthy economy and vibrant communities.

We look forward to meeting with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cathy" and last name "Taylor" clearly distinguishable.

Cathy Taylor
Executive Director
Ontario Nonprofit Network