



ONTARIO NONPROFIT NETWORK

The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
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Dear Minister Thompson:

On behalf of the Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN), we are writing to congratulate you on your appointment as the Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Ontario's nonprofit sector and in particular, the advancement of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act and related business registry. As you know, this Act is a critical tool that will support the modernization of the nonprofit sector. It is critical that this Act be proclaimed in 2021 and we hope you will continue to advocate for its passage in your role as a Cabinet Minister.

As you 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.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs also has many nonprofit and charitable partners and stakeholders. We encourage you to reach out to them at your earliest convenience and discuss how best to support their recovery from the ongoing pandemic.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time, and best wishes in your new portfolio.

Sincerely,

Cathy Taylor
Executive Director
Ontario Nonprofit Network

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.