



ONTARIO NONPROFIT NETWORK

The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
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By email: MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca

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Dear Minister Fullerton:

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

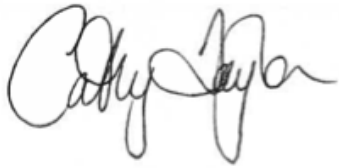
As you may know, Ontario's nonprofit sector plays a vital role as an economic driver, contributing \$65 billion to our province's GDP. As a sector, Ontario nonprofits receive less than half of their revenues from governments, which means they can leverage public investments - via business activities, 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 worked closely with the Minister's office, Ministry of Community & Social Services, throughout the pandemic, sharing information and discussing policies and legislation that would strengthen the delivery of community, children and social services in Ontario.

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 in supporting essential community, children and social services in the most efficient and streamlined manner.

Congratulations again on your new role!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cathy" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Taylor".

Cathy Taylor
Executive Director
Ontario Nonprofit Network