

Minister of Canadian Heritage  
and Multiculturalism



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Dear Mr. Loreto and Ms. McKinna:

Thank you for your letter congratulating me on my appointment as Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism. I appreciate your kind words of encouragement and support.

I was honoured by the Prime Minister's decision to entrust me with the Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism portfolio, and it is with great enthusiasm that I have accepted this new challenge. I fully intend to support our creative industries and to ensure that Canadian arts and culture are even more accessible to Canadians both at home and abroad.

One of my priorities will be to bring forward an Indigenous Languages Act, co-developed with Indigenous peoples, which will ensure the preservation, promotion and revitalization of First Nations, Inuit and Métis languages. It will be a privilege to support Indigenous peoples in their efforts to increase the use of their languages and strengthen their cultural distinctiveness.

The multiculturalism mandate will also prove to be the ideal occasion for me to showcase diversity, openness and inclusion, as these values are fundamental to a democratic society like ours.

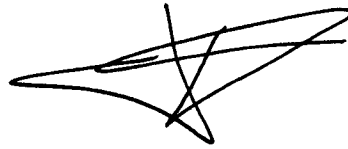
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As you may know, in Budget 2017, the Government of Canada announced an additional \$300 million investment over a ten-year period under the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, bringing its annual grants and contributions budget to \$54 million nationwide for 2018–28. This incremental increase is focused on the support of creative hubs.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, P.C., M.P.