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Dear Mr. Loreto and Ms. Golds:

Thank you for your letter of November 21, 2016, providing recommendations for cultural infrastructure spending in Canada. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Infrastructure is the foundation of sustainable and inclusive communities – it removes barriers, brings people together and allows all Canadians to be active participants in their community. Moreover, good infrastructure fosters an environment where the best of Canadian innovation can grow.

Although the vast majority of public infrastructure in Canada falls under provincial, territorial or municipal jurisdiction, the Government of Canada has a long history of making strategic investments in a wide range of infrastructure categories. This includes a historic plan to invest more than \$180 billion in infrastructure over 12 years. Our priority is to promote infrastructure that will contribute to long-term economic growth, build inclusive communities, and support a low carbon, green economy. Key areas for investment will include public transit, green and social infrastructure, including consideration of cultural infrastructure, transportation infrastructure that supports trade, and infrastructure in rural and northern communities. More information on long-term federal funding programs will be announced in the coming months.

Additional details and updates on Canada's future infrastructure investments and funding programs can be found on the Department's website at www.infrastructure.gc.ca.

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Since the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund falls under the purview of my colleague the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter for her consideration.

Thank you for writing on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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