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and Communities



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Dear Mr. Loreto and Ms. Golds:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 20, 2015, welcoming me to my new role as Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and your organization's offer to share with my department data regarding the state of arts facilities in Ontario.

I look forward to building and strengthening our working relationship with our partners in the provinces, territories, and municipalities.

I understand the importance of arts and cultural facilities in our communities in Ontario and across Canada. I would be pleased if you would share with my department the information regarding the state of arts facilities in Ontario when available.

In addition, as you may know, between 2015 and 2019, the Province of Ontario will receive approximately \$3.1 billion in funding under the renewed federal Gas Tax Fund. This program provides funding to municipalities for a wide range of project categories including infrastructure that supports arts, humanities and heritage. You and your partners may wish to contact individual municipalities regarding their allocated Gas Tax Funding.

We will work together with our partners to deliver on our government's commitments to significantly improve and double federal infrastructure investments. Our strong partnerships will bring together all levels of government to deliver something that will be transformational for communities and all Canadians.

I appreciate your having taken the time to write to me on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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