Response from the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

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Dear Mr. Loreto and Ms. McKinna:

Thank you for your letter congratulating me on my appointment as Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. I am looking forward to serving in this new role and to be leading such a diverse and dynamic portfolio. I will make sure that I uphold our government's plan to work for the people of Ontario, to make life better and to help our communities thrive.

I understand the important role that arts and culture play in this province. The culture sector makes significant contributions to our economy and supports almost 270,000 jobs.

I recognize that the success of this sector rests on the hard work and positive contributions of organizations like ArtsBuild Ontario, and I commend your goal and the work you have done to date to make more of Ontario's cultural spaces accessible.

I look forward to working with our ministry's many partners and stakeholders in the coming weeks and months. If you would like to meet with me to discuss your projects and priorities, please contact my scheduler in the fall regarding my availability at 416-314-1400.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me.

Best wishes,

Sylvia Jones Minister