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Dear Ms. Golds:

Thank you for your correspondence providing recommendations for cultural infrastructure spending in Canada. I appreciate your taking the time to write on this matter. Please be assured that I have carefully noted your ideas, including your suggestion that the investment in the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) made through Budget 2016 be extended and sustained.

As announced in Budget 2017, the Government of Canada is making significant new investments in cultural and recreational facilities as part of a major new investment in social infrastructure. Through Budget 2017, we are proud to make an additional investment of \$300 million over 10 years to the CCSF in order to construct, renovate and better equip the creative spaces and hubs that will be home to the next generation of artists and innovators.

I have also noted your suggestion that the CCSF be expanded to include community-based arts and cultural facilities. In this regard, I would like to mention that the Department of Canadian Heritage's Evaluation Services Directorate will be coordinating an evaluation of all arts policy programs this year. As part of the process, the Arts Policy Branch will ensure that a broad list of arts organizations is included in the proposed list of stakeholders to be contacted.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P.

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