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The Honourable Monte McNaughton, PC
Minister of Infrastructure

Delivered via email: monte.mcnaughton@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. McNaughton:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario, we are delighted at yesterday's announcement of "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program", a \$30 billion, 10-year infrastructure program cost-shared between federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Healthy facilities, artistic capability, organizations and finances are the four hallmarks of a thriving arts and culture sector. As the fourth largest share in the Ontario economy, [Ontario's arts, culture and heritage sector represents \\$27.7 billion](#) or 4.1% of the province's GDP and almost 302,000 jobs, and the creative economy is the fastest growing segment. Despite their importance, facilities are the most under-resourced component of arts operations so ArtsBuild Ontario (ABO) welcomes this federal and provincial commitment to continually support the infrastructure needs of our creative spaces province wide. Artist and entrepreneurial live-work space, creative hubs, proximity to cultural amenities, re-purposed heritage buildings and cultural tourism attractions are just some of the spaces that this commitment will support to invigorate our creative economy.

In the coming weeks we look forward to learning the details of how Ontario's share per project (up to 33 per cent, or \$10.2 billion spread across four streams: 1. Rural and Northern 2. Public Transit 3. Green 4. Community, Culture and Recreation) will be allocated.

Again, on behalf of the Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario, we welcome this announcement and look forward to its implementation.

Best regards,



Chris Loreto
Board President



Patricia McKinna
Executive Director