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Jini Stolk, Chair
Cathy Taylor, Executive Director
Ontario Nonprofit Network
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Toronto, ON M5S 2R4

Dear Ms. Stolk and Ms. Taylor:

I am following up on our meeting today to discuss issues relating to implementation of the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010* (ONCA).

First let me say again how pleased I am at the strong, collaborative relationship established between my ministry and the Ontario Nonprofit Network. The ONN has been an invaluable source of advice over the last several years. Most recently, your leadership on the ONCA Implementation Steering Committee, established in January of this year, has been highly productive.

Based on your advice, and the advice of the Implementation Steering Committee, I am taking a number of steps to facilitate smooth transition for the sector:

- I am pleased to confirm that I have approved a grant to Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO), to develop and deliver a program that will build awareness about ONCA. CLEO will provide a variety of supports to not-for-profit corporations as they make the transition to the new Act. This grant is being funded through contributions by my ministry, the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.
- To provide additional time for not-for-profit corporations to prepare for transition, the government will delay proclamation of the Act. The Act is now targeted to be proclaimed no earlier than January 2014. We encourage your members to check the ministry's website at http://www.sse.gov.on.ca/mcs/en/Pages/Not_For_Profit.aspx to confirm the proclamation date as it draws nearer.
- I am committed to reviewing the Act, including the issues that the ONN has raised on behalf of its members, following proclamation, based on experience in the sector. Where the case for amendments that will improve the Act is made, I will seek to bring reforms forward for consideration.

- I understand that enhancements to members' voting rights are of particular concern, and I have asked my ministry to put a priority on reviewing these provisions.
- With respect to the ONCA's extension of limited voting rights to non-voting members, I will be recommending that these provisions not come into force for at least three years following proclamation of the Act. I intend to undertake a thorough consultation across the sector to assess how this issue should be addressed to serve the interests of corporations, their boards and their members.

In closing, let me again thank you for the collaborative and expert support that your organization is providing to the ministry and the non-profit sector in preparing for implementation of this important Act.

Thank you again for your letter and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy M. Charles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "M".

Tracy MacCharles
Minister