

February 28, 2012

Attention: Susan Pigott, Commission Member
Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services

Dear Susan,

The Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN) would like to take this opportunity to express our most sincere thanks for your contribution to the Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services.

We appreciate your thoughtful review of our submission and your interest in meeting with us prior to the release of this report. ONN is grateful that many of the recommendations that we made as part of this submission were clearly reflected in the final report. In particular, we are most pleased to see the following key highlights in this report:

- Acknowledgement of the significant and often overlooked economic contribution that our sector has in Ontario and in Canada.
- The powerful role of volunteers in enhancing public benefit.

In addition, the recommendations that focussed on our sector in this report support those put forward to the Commission by ONN including:

- Recommendation for multi-year funding to our sector.
- Increased funding flexibility and reduced administrative costs.
- Focus on measuring outcomes rather than inputs.
- Need for enhanced responsiveness of government towards our sector.

While there is much in the report that is of concern to ONN and the sector, we are very appreciative of your time and effort in ensuring that our sector's voices were heard in this report. You have been such a strong champion of the sector throughout your various roles and we wanted to take this time to acknowledge your support and commitment.

The Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services opens up a critical dialogue about the government's fiscal and public service plans for Ontario in the coming months and years. This is a discussion we all need to be part of: ultimately, it is about the future of the communities and people served by nonprofits across the province.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you to speak further about the report and its potential implications for the nonprofit sector in Ontario and how our sector could be engaged in this important discussion moving forward.

Most Sincerely,



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