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Ms. Gillian Mason
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Dear Ms. Mason:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the newly formed Minister's Advisory Council for Arts and Culture.

I appreciate hearing of your support for this innovative and exciting initiative. The McGuinty government recognizes the tremendous contribution made by the arts, culture, heritage and libraries sectors to the rich community life enjoyed by the people of Ontario and our visitors. We also understand that every cultural and artistic group experiences particular challenges and capabilities that shape, for each, a unique perspective, or voice. We believe that the Advisory Council will play a vital role in ensuring a thriving future for all.

It was immediately evident that this belief in the importance of partnership is shared by both our ministry and the wider cultural community. When the creation of the Council was first announced, we were very encouraged by the large number of people who expressed interest. While we are not able to involve everyone directly, the Council will be an effective conduit to bring concerns and ideas forward.

For the first terms of appointment, we have selected a group of notable Ontarians representing many of our province's quintessential cultural institutions and a wide range of artistic endeavour and accomplishment. Our ministry is looking forward to being able to work alongside such an exemplary council, and hearing each member's experiences of today and visions for the future.

Again, the genuine interest that has followed this initiative is heartening. The cultural community will be kept informed of the Council's priorities and activities, including potential opportunities to provide its valuable input and expertise. Thank you for your part in strengthening Ontario's cultural landscape, of which we are all so very proud.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'mmeilleur'.

Madeleine Meilleur
Minister