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Mr. William Booth
Chair
Toronto Public Library
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Dear Mr. Booth:

Thank you for your letter regarding the planned expansion of the Toronto Reference Library. As Minister of Culture, I appreciate learning more about this project.

Under the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program, the Government of Ontario has invested over \$8 million in the construction and renovation of libraries throughout the province. Our government recognizes the importance of the Toronto Reference Library in the cultural, economic and educational sectors of our province.

I am pleased that the private sector is taking a significant role in your project as a funding partner and that you have been able to raise \$7 million since 2000. I would continue to encourage the private sector, in partnership with the City of Toronto, to support your fundraising efforts in order to complete the project over the next five years.

I note that you have also shared copies of your letter with my Cabinet colleagues, the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, and the Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance. I trust that they will be interested in this matter as well and will give your request every consideration.

Once again, thank you for your commitment to public libraries in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Caroline Di Cocco
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