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Brian Tobin  
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Dear Minister Tobin:

**Re: The New National Dream: Networking the Nation for Broadband Access. Report of the National Broadband Task Force.**

The Toronto Public Library Board would like to express its support for the recommendations contained in the Report of the National Broadband Task Force.

The citizens of Toronto have benefited from high speed public Internet access made available at all 98 branches of the Library. This has allowed the Library to expand and enhance its electronic information services. Having seen the benefits to the citizens of Toronto the Board can appreciate the positive impact that broadband access would have for all citizens of Canada.

The Report also makes recommendations regarding sustainability, content development, training and leadership in providing government services on-line. These are all issues that the Toronto Public Library Board is addressing in its strategic planning and is pleased to see acknowledgement of these issues at the national level. The Board encourages the Federal Government to develop programs and funding to address these issues.

The Toronto Public Library Board looks forward to your response to the principles and recommendations presented in the Report of the National Broadband Task Force.

Yours truly,

Gillian Mason  
Chair  
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Attach. Toronto Public Library Board Report  
The New National Dream: Networking the Nation for Broadband Access.

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