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Ms. Vickery Bowles  
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Dear Ms. Bowles:

I am writing to thank you for hosting the Culture Talks event in Toronto on Monday, November 23, 2015. Your willingness to provide a venue for this community event is greatly appreciated. I also want to convey particular thanks to Elizabeth Glass, Director of Planning, Policy & E-Service Delivery, for her support in making it a successful event.

This fall we heard from thousands of Ontarians about their perspectives on, and priorities for culture through the Culture Talks consultation process. The response we received was enthusiastic and engaged – Ontarians came out in large numbers to speak about the importance of culture in their lives and in their communities.

The input we received will help us develop a vision and priorities for culture in the province that reflect the diversity and vibrancy of the sector and of Ontario's communities. This winter, we will release a report highlighting the key themes we heard through Culture Talks. In the spring, we will post a draft Culture Strategy for public input before it is finalized.

Once again, thank you for helping to make the Culture Strategy consultations a great success.

Sincerely,

Michael Coteau  
Minister

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