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Dear Ms. McGregor:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your participation in the Toronto pre-budget discussion.

As you know, this government's first budget is critical to the province's future. As an important first step, we changed the format of the pre-budget discussions in order to encourage more dialogue and collaboration among a wider range of stakeholder groups.

The new format allowed me to engage in meaningful discussions with more than 500 individuals and stakeholder groups in ten cities across the province. I have been energized by the commitment so many of you bring to your roles and I have benefited tremendously from many of the views and recommendations put forth. I have also been reminded of the many unique strengths and needs in different parts of the province.

Please be assured that much of what I heard will be taken in to consideration as we prepare our first budget. I want to thank you for your contribution to a lively and important discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing Ontario.

Thanks again for your participation. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Sorbara".

Greg Sorbara