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Dear MPP [Last Name],

Thank you for your leadership in our community over your time as our MPP. In my capacity as [Role/Title] of the [local museum or Network name], and as a member of the Ontario Museum Association (OMA), I would like to remind you of the contributions museums make to the wellbeing of our community and request your support of the following recommendations outlined in the OMA submission.

Ontario’s over 700 museums, galleries, and historic sites are located in every community—urban, rural, Northern, Indigenous, east and west—and serve as vital infrastructure. As communities navigate economic uncertainty and other challenges, museums remain trusted institutions, build local economies, promote tourism, and contribute to community wellbeing and connectivity. Many community stories, histories and collections are preserved and interpreted in museums and heritage buildings through the efforts of volunteer groups and dedicated professionals.

However, recovering from the impacts of the pandemic, facing rising inflation and a lack of sustainable funding, museums are at risk. **To empower museums to continue play a vital role in their communities, the OMA has made the following recommendations in a submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Finance.**

1. 10 million in support for community museums to reach 300 communities across the province.
2. 10 million in support of a digital response fund to strengthen and build digital infrastructure in community museums across the province.
3. 10 million in support of an infrastructure recovery fund to support community museums to build crucial infrastructure and capacity in the context of the pandemic and rising costs.
4. A consistent property tax exemption

Read the submission on the OMA website here: <https://members.museumsontario.ca/sites/default/files/Ontario-Museum-Association_Provincial-Budget-Submission_2024.pdf>

In our community, these recommendations would: [add details of how these recommendations and support could make a difference for your museum]

Museums play a vital role in supporting communities, large and small, across Ontario. Our sector stands ready to work with the provincial government as a partner in building healthy communities and growing careers. Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions: [email] or [phone].

Thank you,

[Name and role]

[Organization you represent (if applicable)]

cc. Ontario Museum Association