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*Greetings from the Honourable Minister
of Tourism, Culture and Sport*

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to welcome everyone attending this symposium on Reframing the Cultural Policy Dialogue.

As we work to build strong and vibrant communities across the province, it is vital that we ensure our culture policies and programs reflect the needs of our province's diverse population. Today's symposium is a superb way of connecting with each other and generating ideas to support that goal.

This timely discussion comes as our government embarks on a process to develop Ontario's first Culture Strategy. We will be engaging with Ontarians on the value of culture in their lives and communities and we welcome your valuable contributions as part of the initiative.

Congratulations to The Arts Advocate on its 20 years of public policy engagement, and to the Public Policy Forum, Toronto Arts Council, Business for the Arts and Soulpepper for making this symposium possible. I commend all of you for the work you do to support a thriving arts and culture sector.

Best wishes to everyone in attendance today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Coteau".

Michael Coteau
Minister