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Ms. Jan Harder
Chair
Ms. Danielle McDonald
Chief Executive Officer
Ottawa Public Library
120 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON K1P 5M2

Dear Ms. Harder and Ms. McDonald:

Thank you for your letter expressing your appreciation for provincial funding to the Ottawa Public Library. My ministry is proud to support the work that your library board, staff and volunteers do each day to promote learning and strengthen community life.

The Ontario government recognizes that libraries play a significant role in their communities as hubs for information, education and citizenship and are a vital part of our knowledge economy. We value the ongoing contributions of public libraries and will continue to work together with our partners to build a stronger library sector.

I am pleased that my ministry has recently enhanced its support of public libraries through the Ontario Library Capacities Fund, which will provide \$10 million over three years. I look forward to seeing how this fund will further strengthen public libraries and their communities.

We can all be proud that Ontario's public libraries are among the best in the world.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Coteau'.

Michael Coteau
Minister