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Hon. Doug Ford, PC, MPP
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Sent electronically

Dear Premier Ford:

On behalf of the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO), we would like to extend our sincere congratulations on your government's re-election.

As you know, RCCAO is a unique alliance composed of management and labour groups that represents a wide spectrum of the Ontario construction industry. RCCAO's goal is to work in cooperation with government and related stakeholders to offer realistic solutions to a variety of challenges facing the construction industry and which also have wider societal benefits.

Our membership includes the Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain Contractors Association; Heavy Construction Association of Toronto; International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 793; Joint Residential Construction Association; LiUNA Local 183; Ontario Association of Foundation Specialists; Ontario Formwork Association; and Toronto and Area Road Builders Association.

RCCAO wants to commend the work you and your government have accomplished to date. The Ontario Government's continued commitment to investing in critical infrastructure is key to meeting the needs of our growing province. That investment, coupled with the meaningful advancement on Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, reflects your forward-thinking vision that led RCCAO to endorse the party.

While much has been accomplished, we also recognize that challenges remain, particularly in the current unpredictable economic environment and global uncertainty.

That is why it is critically important that your government:

- **Continue investing in Ontario's critical infrastructure in a predictable and timely manner**

Infrastructure is the foundation for economic growth and competitiveness, especially in this economic climate. To ensure continued progress, it's crucial that we get people working and projects moving forward in a clear, timely, and predictable manner.

That is why it is critically important that the government releases a steady flow of projects and tender opportunities. The timely and consistent release of work, particularly early tender calls, will be key to maintaining momentum, creating jobs, and keeping our workforce engaged and productive.

In addition to the immediate need for a steady supply of projects and tenders to keep industry productive, the province's long-term population projections and the demand that will have on all core and critical public infrastructure, necessitates that we build for the future today.

Continued advancement on key transit and transportation projects like Highway 413, Bradford Bypass, the Morriston Bypass, and the Ontario Line must remain a priority to ensure that the province has the necessary infrastructure for the long-term movement of people and goods across the province.

Inaction would have real consequences. As our [recently commissioned report](#) found, not addressing congestion will have staggering short and long-term economic and social impact costs. The report found that congestion can cost Ontario \$145 billion by 2044 and 558,000 jobs if investment in core public infrastructure – roads, bridges and transit – does not keep up with demand. The report solidifies the case for sustained, long-term investment into expanding all kinds of transportation infrastructure to ensure people and goods are moving.

- **Continue streamlining regulatory burdens and removing duplication**

To support the growth and efficiency of the infrastructure and housing industry, it is essential to continue streamlining regulatory burdens and eliminating duplicative processes across different levels of government. Your government is uniquely positioned to act on this to remove redundant requirements that exist between provincial and municipal regulations. Municipalities should adhere to provincial standards and avoid creating their own conflicting rules, which can create unnecessary confusion, costs, and delays for the industry.

A key part of this process involves fostering collaboration and engagement with industry stakeholders to ensure that regulatory changes align with the practical needs of the sector, while still maintaining safety and sustainability objectives. By reducing regulatory complexity, we can enhance productivity, lower costs, and facilitate smoother project timelines across the board.

RCCAO congratulates you once again on your re-election as Premier of Ontario and we look forward to our continued collaboration as we work together to build a stronger, more connected Ontario.

Sincerely,



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