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Pauline Rochefort
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Dear Partner:

We have begun to turn the corner in Ontario. Our government has started the province down the path to fiscal balance, we have adopted a debt reduction strategy, and we are taking action to control runaway spending.

Our government inherited a financial mess. The previous government was spending \$40 million more every day than they were receiving in revenue. The provincial net debt has grown to more than a third of a trillion dollars, and we are paying \$13.3 billion this year in interest on that debt.

This approach was wrong -- and our government has been given a clear mandate to fix it. We need to protect the services that matter most, like health care, education and social services, to ensure they are there when and where individuals, families and seniors need them.

But our government can't do it alone. The fact is, over 90 per cent of provincial spending goes through partners like yourselves -- including municipalities, school boards, hospitals and universities. To meet and overcome this fiscal challenge, you **must** be part of the solution.

Instead of defaulting to threats of service or job reductions, we need our partners to roll up their sleeves, employ innovation and creativity, and **find savings of four cents on every dollar spent**. We are not asking our partners to do anything we haven't already done ourselves. Our government committed to finding four cents on every dollar that we spend, and we ended up finding nearly eight cents on every dollar spent. We identified savings through initiatives like selling off surplus properties, centralizing procurement, eliminating outdated programs like Drive Clean, and refocusing programs like OHIP plus.

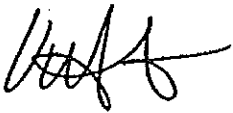


In March, our government provided municipalities with \$200 million in one-time modernization payments to help identify ways to find efficiencies, and get good value for money for every tax dollar spent. We can and are ready to assist in identifying ways to save money while protecting essential services. As municipal and education leaders, and transfer payment partners, we urge you to take us up on this offer. Review your budget line-by-line, digitize and modernize, and re-think the way services are delivered.

If you have thoughts or concerns, please reach out to my constituency office, so we can engage your partner ministries, and provide as much assistance as necessary. The task is too important and the stakes are too high.

Only by working together can protect what matters most.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vic Fedeli', with a stylized, cursive script.

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