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Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Premier Ford:

Congratulations again on your re-election as Premier of Ontario.

Ontario faces one of the greatest challenges in our history, and it is clear that Ontarians stand united in purpose to protect the economic and social fabric of our province. This effort requires leadership across all sectors to transform our economy, take down internal barriers, and reduce dependence on foreign markets – particularly the United States.

Your government has made it clear that these goals are a central priority, and we commend your leadership in advancing the Protect Ontario agenda and your leadership for our nation.

As presidents of Ontario's 24 public colleges, we have been carefully considering how we might best support your efforts. Following your government's commitments, we are writing to inform you that the public college sector proactively supports Supply Ontario's direction to buy Canadian whenever possible and colleges are already working towards removing US companies from our supply chain in all but the most exceptional circumstances.

Ontario's public colleges are not only educators, we are also major economic actors in our communities. In 2023–24, colleges collectively spent approximately \$2.6 billion on goods and services. Preliminary analysis shows that 81% of this procurement was with Ontario-based businesses, and 92% with Canadian businesses overall in 2023-24. We are committed to increasing these figures by focusing even more of our purchasing power within Ontario.

Ontario colleges know all too well the risks of an economic model over-reliant on trends beyond our borders. Moving forward, we will continue to support the Protect Ontario plan not only through our collective procurement efforts but by continuing to supply the talent pipeline that is critical to our economy. We stand at the ready to work hand-in-hand with your government in service of protecting Ontario's future, and Canada's sovereignty.

Thank you,



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Claude Brulé, Algonquin



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Daniel Giroux, Boréal



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Kristine Morrissey, Cambrian



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George Burton, Canadore




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Craig Stephenson, Centennial



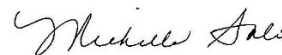
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Lynn Casimiro, La Cité



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John Tibbits, Conestoga



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Michelle Salo, Confederation



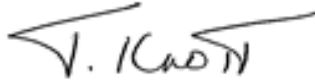
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Elaine Popp, Durham



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Peter Devlin, Fanshawe



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Theresa Knott, Fleming



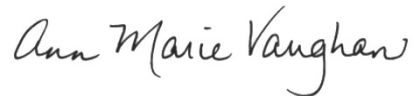
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Gervan Fearon, George Brown



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Kevin Weaver, Georgian



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Ann Marie Vaughan, Humber



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Rob Kardas, Lambton



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Mark Kirkpatrick, Loyalist



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Paul Armstrong, Mohawk



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Sean Kennedy, Niagara



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Mitch Dumas, Northern



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Michael Silvaggi, St. Clair



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Glenn Vollebregt, St. Lawrence



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David Oraziotti, Sault



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Janet Morrison, Sheridan



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David Agnew, Seneca



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