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From: Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC)

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To: MPP

I am writing to you on behalf of ISARC – the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition - a province-wide interfaith coalition which reviews and responds to legislative policy in the area of social assistance, poverty and homelessness.

As a coalition, we congratulate you on your recent election. As representatives of faith communities we work together to envision and work for a provincial future where all Ontarians have the ability to live with dignity by having enough to eat, safe affordable housing and opportunities to participate in the economic life of our province.

As well, we seek to support vulnerable elders who are pushed to the margins of both society and the economy as they age.

We look forward to working with you as you begin a new term in the Legislature representing your constituents of all ages and needs. We look to you to work for fair and inclusive legislation and budgets that include the most vulnerable.

Our various faith traditions all include a mandate to care for neighbours and to treat each other as we would desire to be treated. Charity is never enough. It requires fairness, justice, equity and inclusion to build a vibrant and healthy community. We wish you well as you take on your responsibilities of public office.

With warm regards,

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