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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
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RE: A coordinated approach to reopening Canada's economy

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Thank you for your continued leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the situation evolves, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) is receiving concerns from the business community and communicating them to all levels of government.

Employers across the country are asking that municipal, provincial, territorial, and federal governments coordinate their efforts to ensure society reopens in a harmonized fashion that prioritizes individual safety and economic stability.

There are six critical elements to reopening: availability of personal protective equipment (PPE), smart quarantine policies, protection of the most vulnerable, mass testing, contact tracing, and workforce management systems. We deeply appreciate your government's efforts thus far to collaborate with other governments around many of these elements.

The attached document specifically highlights the need to align efforts around mass testing, contact tracing, and workforce management systems. Businesses are able and willing to contribute to solving these challenges to ensure that the reopening process is successful and sustainable.

This memorandum is supported by chambers of commerce and boards of trade across the country, including our federal partners at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and all our provincial and territorial colleagues from coast to coast.

Public health and safety are priorities for all businesses. We will continue to monitor and assess new developments pertaining to COVID-19 closely and work with our members, partners, and government to support Ontario business.

Sincerely,



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