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Dear Mr. McAvity,

Thank you for writing to us about youth jobs for museums as part of the Young Canada Works program.

The Liberal Party of Canada knows the extraordinary contributions that Canada's museums make to the enrichment, promotion, and continuation of Canadian national identity, heritage, and diversity. We believe that the federal government has a critical role in the preservation, promotion and display of our heritage. Whether it is through museums or federal institutions, such as Library and Archives, government support is essential for the preservation and exhibition of our history, culture and identity. Further, we know museums are important as levers for tourism, economic development and scientific progress. A good federal museums policy must acknowledge the intrinsic nature of museums as well as their contribution to society.

Canada's cultural and creative industries are a vibrant part of our economy and our national identity. The Liberal Party of Canada believes that targeted investment in the cultural sector will stimulate economic activity, create jobs, grow the middle class, and help Canadian artists share Canadian stories, here in Canada and around the world.

In our 2015 Election platform, we laid out a Liberal government's commitment to investing and promoting Canada's heritage, culture and arts. We have committed to increase funding for the Young Canada Works program to help the heritage sector prepare for the next generation of museum staff. This investment is part of a Liberal government's commitment to create 40,000 youth jobs each year for the next three years by investing \$300 million more as part of a renewed Youth Employment Strategy.

A Liberal government will rebuild the relationship between the federal government and civil society. We will develop new policy the same way that we built our platform -- by actively consulting with those directly affected, their advocates, other orders of government, and experts in relevant fields. We greatly value the important work and input of organizations such as Canadian Museums Association and we look forward to working collaboratively with you to identify, plan, and implement policies and programs that will make Canada a better place.

A Liberal government will also work in partnership with civil society organizations, including the Canadian Museums Association and your sector colleagues, to explore more effective ways to provide funding for the important work you do. Our party understands that we must find more effective funding delivery mechanisms to support the arts and culture sector in order to provide adequate, predictable, and stable funding.

We look forward to engaging with you in the weeks and months ahead to build a better Canada and to address the issues that matter to you and your supporters.

Sincerely,

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