November 4th, 2019

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

On behalf of the Canadian Museums Association (CMA), we would like to extend our congratulations on the outcome of the October 21, 2019 federal election.

During the election, in collaboration with our provincial and territorial colleagues, we insisted that political parties prioritize museums. We emphasized the need for a review of the National Museum Policy, a review of funding streams and a simplification of the funding application process, and an expansion of the Museums Assistance Program. See additional information, enclosed.

We very much look forward to your government fulfilling its promise to review the National Museum Policy, last updated close to 30 years ago. We anticipate playing a central role and actively participating in the process on behalf of our members and the museum community in Canada.

Museums play an increasingly important role in today’s society. In this increasingly divisive world, they are uniquely positioned to unite us and defend our common good. Without critical changes, Canada’s museums, large and small, are at risk of not being able to fulfil their much-needed role in our communities.

We look forward to hearing your Speech from the Throne, to seeing the Mandate Letters for your Ministers, and to collaborating with the Government of Canada on these important issues.

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