



**Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

City of Toronto Executive Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Harbourfront Centre, I am writing to relay our support of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund. Through the outstanding effort of their staff and the contribution of their programs, we have been able to more intelligently design projects that reduce environmental impact while growing the capacity of the broader community to follow suit. TAF has been instrumental in providing us with direction, expertise, connections to prospective partners and other community organizations interested in the work we are doing. With TAF's support we have developed the capacity to initiate projects that would not have otherwise been possible and to expand and share them more broadly by leveraging additional funds that became as a result of their early investment.

Climate change is a pressing issue Harbourfront Centre is committed to addressing and enabling other organizations to successfully tackle. The opportunity TAF creates for dozens of organizations to take an innovative, community-focused approach to undertaking environmentally-focused projects generates a tremendous value to the broader community as we look to build more sustainable way of living. Although a reduction in TAF's capacity to service the community may not immediately have the largest quantifiable impact on our well-being as a city, this is likely to change over the longer term given the risks that climate change and increasing energy demands place on Toronto.

We hope you consider the necessity we see in the work TAF does as part of your review of their service and budget.

Respectfully,

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