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The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Re: Woodbine Entertainment Group

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty,

On behalf of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto (CCC), I am writing to recognize the long-term support we have received from the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG). Over the past 20 years, WEG has donated over half a million dollars to CCC through their Foundation.

The CCC is non-profit, charitable organization founded in 1988 to foster an understanding of, and an appreciation for, Chinese and Chinese-Canadian culture among all Canadians. We have a two-phase, 80,000 square foot complex at the corner of Sheppard Ave. E. and Progress Ave on the east end of Toronto. Opening in 1998, our Centre acts as a bridge between the Chinese-Canadian community and other communities in the Greater Toronto Area. Our two buildings contain meeting and exhibition space, an art gallery, a library, a 626-seat theatre and concert hall as well as a multi-purpose hall where we hold arts and cultural programs, exhibitions, tournaments and banquets, etc.

Many of the programs and services that we offer are dependent on the philanthropy of companies and organizations in the community as we do not receive core funding from any level of government. WEG in particular has sustained an annual gift that helps us run a whole basket of much needed programs for the community. If WEG is no longer able to continue with its contribution, we would be hard pressed to continue without reducing our level of services and eliminating programs. There are not many companies or individuals that donate 3% of net revenues to charitable causes like WEG. It would be a tremendous loss to the CCC and other community organizations if we lose that source of funding.

CCC has provided a unique home for the East to meet the West, and for the Past to meet the Future. We now need your help to ensure that future generations can continue to benefit from what we have built so far. Please join us to publically support the WEG's continued operation of its gaming facilities.

Best regards,

Lena Wong
President

cc: Tim Hudak, Leader of the Official Opposition
Andrea Howarth, Leader of NDP
Mayor Rob Ford, City of Toronto
Mayor Gordon Krantz, Town of Milton
Executive Committee, City Hall