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President and Vice-Chancellor

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Mayor John Tory  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory,

On behalf of Ryerson University, I'm writing to express our support for Toronto's bid for Expo 2025. We have the daily privilege to live and work in a city that is frequently cited as one of the most diverse, tolerant and livable on the planet and Expo 2025 would be the great opportunity to galvanize that reputation and to share our knowledge, our spirit and our community's character with the rest of the world.

Many of us recall how past Canadian Expos – 1967 in Montreal, 1986 in Vancouver – not only saw those cities capture the imagination of millions of visitors, but also transformed those communities. Great cities became even greater by rising to the challenge and opportunity of hosting the world. Now it is Toronto's turn. As a host venue for last summer's Pan Am Games, we at Ryerson were actively engaged in helping make that such a success. The lessons learned from that experience will serve us well in staging Expo, and I am confident the community will once again rally to make it an unforgettable event – not only for the many thousands of visitors who will be drawn to our city, but for the people who live and work here and take such great pride in Toronto.

As President of a university located in the heart of this city and embedded in the life of its people, celebrated for its keep insights into smart city planning and renowned for its ability to harness the creativity and entrepreneurialism of our best and brightest, we are eager to be a part of this great civic effort.

We look forward to working with you on this initiative and will be pleased to help showcase Toronto to the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mohamed Lachemi'.

Mohamed Lachemi

cc. Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Toronto City Hall