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## Letter of Support re: Toronto Expo 2025

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On behalf of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, I am writing to express our support for Toronto's bid to host Expo 2025 on our Traditional Territory.

We strongly believe that now is the time for Toronto to show the world everything that it has to offer, while highlighting the important role of the Mississauga People in Toronto's rich history - past, present, and future.

Hosting Expo 2025 in Toronto is a chance for us to collaborate. We can engage and ensure that the Indigenous People of this land have the opportunity to have a voice, to be seen and respected by the world.

Expo 2025 has the potential to exemplify Canada's renewed relationship with Indigenous People, on a global scale. As outlined by the Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, this relationship is based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership. If realized, this event can leave a lasting legacy that illustrates a shared determination in achieving a meaningful nation-to-nation relationship.

We can be a powerful example to the world on what can be accomplished when Indigenous People and Canadians work together in harmony.

When the time comes to make a decision on whether or not Toronto should pursue a bid for Expo 2025, MNCFN urges Toronto, Canadians, and Indigenous People to say yes. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation would be honoured to host Expo 2025 on our Treaty Lands.

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Chief R. Stacey Laforme  
Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation