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Dear Councillor Saxe,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Women's Art Association of Canada (WAAC) to express our sincere appreciation for the ongoing support that the City Council has provided for the arts in our community.

As proud residents and advocates for the arts, we are reaching out to voice our strong support for a direct increase to the Toronto Arts Council's budget by \$2 million in 2024. This increase would not only further bolster the vibrancy of our local arts scene but also demonstrate our collective commitment to nurturing creativity and innovation. With that said, I am pleased to share that we have gathered signatures from 49 of our artist members in support of increasing this budget.

The impact of TAC funding on Toronto's residents and the city as a whole cannot be overstated. Through initiatives supported by the TAC, we have witnessed the transformative power of the arts in our communities. From empowering marginalized voices to fostering social cohesion and economic growth, the arts play a pivotal role in shaping our city's identity and enriching our quality of life.

Whether it's supporting local artists, facilitating cultural exchanges, or providing accessible arts programming, these initiatives exemplify the invaluable contributions of the arts to our city. And we have maintained priority in this endeavour at WAAC.

We urge you to consider the significant benefits of increasing the TAC's budget and to prioritize the continued support of the arts in our city. Together, we can ensure that Toronto remains a vibrant hub of creativity and cultural expression for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact of your continued support for the arts.

Sincerely, Ingrid

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