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Lorenzo Berardinetti
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Dear Mr. Berardinetti:

It is an honour and a pleasure to have you as my Parliamentary Assistant. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the Ministry of the Attorney General and to outline some of the important work that lies ahead of us.

As you know, our government has a plan to invest in the talent and skills of our people, build modern infrastructure, support a dynamic and innovative business climate, and provide better retirement security to people across the province. At the heart of this plan are partnerships with businesses, people and communities, which will help our government grow the economy, create jobs and implement solutions that have a meaningful impact on people's lives.

This balanced and comprehensive plan is underpinned by a focus on fiscal prudence. The mandate letter I received last month from Premier Wynne reinforced our government's commitment to balance the budget by 2017-18 and to pursue increased openness, accountability and modernization.

Parliamentary Assistants play a key role in delivering these priorities and have a responsibility to put our government's plan into action.

The Ministry of the Attorney General is responsible for the administration of justice and ensuring that our justice system remains fair and accessible for all. A fair and accessible justice system requires that our courts are led by a highly-qualified judiciary, that our administrative tribunals are effective and responsive to the communities which they serve, and that the human rights such as freedom of speech are protected.

As Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General, your specific responsibilities include:

- Working with the Ministry of Attorney General and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in reviewing the scope and effectiveness of the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- Reviewing the current roles and responsibilities of Justices of the Peace, as well as the qualifications necessary to be appointed a Justice of the Peace.

I am confident that together, working in collaboration with our partners in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, we can deliver on our commitment to the people we are privileged to represent and serve. I look forward to working with you to deliver our ministry's mandate, build Ontario up — and help achieve a brighter future for every person in this province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "m meilleur".

The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur
Attorney General