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Hon. Kathleen Wynne, M.P.P.
Premier and President of the Council
Minister of Agriculture
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

On behalf of the 24 members of the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario, please accept our sincere congratulations on your installation as Ontario's 25th Premier.

Ontario's research hospitals are dedicated to the tri-partite mission of providing the most specialized care, teaching the next generation of health professionals and leading-edge health research. The overwhelming majority (80%) of publicly-funded health research in Ontario is performed in our hospitals. It is directed at achieving an ever increasing quality of care for patients. It forms an enterprise across Ontario comprised of 15,000 researchers and research staff. It is producing innovation that is driving down the costs of health care delivery. Health technology innovations developed in our members' hospitals are going to market and creating jobs. The combined health research enterprise across our membership is an asset that can be leveraged to help Ontario become healthier, wealthier and smarter.


CAHO commends your government's Throne Speech commitment to "build the strongest and most innovative health care system in the world." We are working closely with several teams across the government on a strategy to maximize the impact and return on investment in health research and innovation in Ontario. We would be pleased to meet with you and your team to review progress and next steps on a framework for using the health research enterprise to address the combined challenges of raising the quality and reducing the cost of health care in our province; creating new opportunities for jobs and growth across Ontario; and positioning Ontario as a global leader in health innovation.

Again, please accept our sincere congratulations and our offer to meet at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Karen Michell
Executive Director, CAHO



Barry McLellan
President & CEO, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
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