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Canadian Independent Music Association

Via email: [andrewcash@cimamusic.ca](mailto:andrewcash@cimamusic.ca)

Dear Mr. Cash,

Thank you for your letter. The Canadian music industry is a great part of our country's culture and remains a priority for the Liberal Party of Canada.

During the last year we were there to support workers across the sector. The Liberal government created supports such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit and the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB). We also extended the CRB to ensure workers remain supported as the economy reopens unevenly in some sectors such as arts and entertainment.

Our response also included more targeted investments, for example, we have proposed \$70 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, to Canadian Heritage for the Canada Music Fund. This includes up to \$50 million in 2021-22 to help the live music sector, including music venues, weather the pandemic.

To address the needs of the culture sector specifically, we have committed to implement a transitional support program for artists, technicians and other professionals across the industry to get them through the winter and until the sector is more uniformly open at full capacity. We are also committed to launch a new Arts and Culture Recovery Program that will match ticket sales for performing arts, live theatres, and other cultural venues to compensate for reduced capacity.

Going forward, we have also committed to introduce a new EI benefit for self-employed Canadians, delivered through the tax system, which would be beneficial to many workers in the arts sector. We will ensure the realities of artists and cultural workers are considered in the upcoming reforms to the Employment Insurance (EI) system.

A re-elected Liberal government will ensure better and more stable funding for the music sector by increasing the annual contribution to the Canada Music Fund to \$50 million by 2024-2025. We will also reintroduce legislation within the first 100 days to reform the Broadcasting Act to ensure foreign web giants contribute to the creation and promotion of Canadian stories and music. As noted above, we will make new investments in the Canada Music Fund, increasing funding to \$50 million by 2024-25 which will support independent artists.



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On behalf of our Leader, Justin Trudeau, and the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to identify the major concerns of your membership.

We appreciate your interest in the Liberal Party of Canada's policies as they relate to the issues which affect you.

Sincerely,

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