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The Hon. François-Philippe Champagne  
Minister of Finance and National Revenue

The Hon. Lena Metlege Diab  
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

**Via email**

Minister Champagne and Minister Metlege Diab,

Prior to the 2025 Federal Election, a number of Members of Parliament in Toronto had met with local stakeholders regarding reductions in funding to language services in Toronto and the Greater Toronto area.

We are writing to you to express our deep concern about these cuts to language services in Toronto and the GTA. There continues to be great need and high demand for **more** language services, as the many immigrants who have come to Canada over the past few years continue to try to improve their English.

Recent funding cuts are already directly impacting the government-funded Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) programs. For the following two reasons, we do not agree with the decision to cut this funding:

- 1) When newcomers to Canada are given the opportunity to develop their language skills, it allows them to integrate more fully into Canadian society and leads to better jobs, mutually benefitting the individuals and our country.
- 2) We firmly believe that we need to be offering free language programs for as long as there is both a need for them and the desire to learn – which means that we should be increasing, rather than cutting, funding for these programs.

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Local immigration partnerships (LIPs), which contribute to improving the social and economic outcomes of newcomers in Toronto through their coordination of such resources as employment support, language training, and the navigation of affordable housing, have also shared with us the impact that funding cuts will have on their ability to provide these critical services.

We respectfully ask that you consider our concerns.

Very best,

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