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Dear Andrew Hurd:

Thank you for your letter of congratulations on my appointment as Ontario's Associate Minister of Small Business.

Entrepreneurs and small businesses play a critical role in our communities by contributing new, innovative ideas and offerings that help grow the economy. In this role, I look forward to working with businesses and organizations across the province once again to build a strong and resilient economy with opportunities for people and businesses today and in the future.

Our government has always been a champion of Ontario's entrepreneurs and small businesses. From our Digital Mainstreet Program to our Regional Innovation Centres, we offer a wide array of province-wide programs and supports to support entrepreneurs in starting and scaling their companies. Furthermore, by cutting red tape, keeping costs low and supporting strategic initiatives and programs, we continue to create the right economic conditions for small businesses to grow and create jobs.

As we work to build a stronger Ontario, your efforts and those of thousands of small businesses will contribute to meaningful growth in communities across the province. My team and I look forward to working with the engineering industry to achieve our common goals.

Thank you for your gracious words of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nina Tangri".

Nina Tangri  
Associate Minister of Small Business