(Send by email to your MPP’s constituency office, or by mail on orchestra letterhead to the constituency office. Please include a link to information about upcoming concerts or a copy of your 23-24 season brochure, as well as OC’s pre-budget brief.)

Dear X:

(You can find contact information for your MPP here: <https://www.ola.org/en/members>)

I am writing on behalf of Orchestra X to confirm our support for the recommendations contained in Orchestras Canada’s brief to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, namely:

1. That the Province of Ontario invest an additional $5 million dollars per year in the arts through the Ontario Arts Council starting in 2024-25.
2. That the Province of Ontario invest $25 million over 5 years to relaunch the Ontario Arts Endowment Fund at the Ontario Arts Foundation.
3. That the Province of Ontario study, pilot, then scale an adaptation of the highly successful “Soutien aux sorties scolaires en milieu culturel” [Support for cultural field trips] launched in Quebec in 2019.

Our orchestra presents x concerts each season on an annual budget of $XXX. We engage XX musicians and cultural workers, and typically connect with XXXX people in our community through our concerts and community engagement events. Our work is supported by a volunteer board of directors, and we are committed to the long-term social and economic health of our community. There are 77 orchestras in Ontario and we are proud to play our part in this vital eco-system, connecting youth, training, community, and professional orchestras.

We’d welcome the opportunity to host you at a concert or meet with you in the riding to update you on our current work, and the ways in which these recommendations can further our orchestra and our sector. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Orchestra CEO or board chair