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World Masters Athletics Bid Committee
c/o Mr. John Craig
Chair
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Dear Mr. Craig:

I am writing to express the Government of Ontario's enthusiastic support for the World Masters Athletics Bid Committee's efforts to host the 2020 World Masters Athletics Championships in Toronto.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport is working hard to develop a vibrant Ontario sport system, which will also support the development of our tourism industry and leverage the province's diversity – one of our greatest strengths.

A successful bid will help place Ontario at the forefront of sport participation and showcase world-class sport facilities and infrastructure built in the Greater Toronto Area for the successful 2015 TORONTO Pan Am/Parapan Am Games. Ontario will be able to demonstrate its capacity for sport hosting and its traditional warm hospitality in welcoming athletes, coaches and sport enthusiasts from around the world. In addition, Ontario already has well-developed transportation, broadcast and accommodation infrastructure in place to accommodate large-scale and small-scale sport events.

We believe the bid would contribute to our economy, our communities and our province, as well as encourage youth participation in sport and physical activity. Ontario would be proud to see Toronto chosen to host these championships in 2020. Should you be successful in your bid, our staff will work with you to explore the funding Programs available for events.

Best wishes to the World Masters Athletics Bid Committee in securing event rights for the World Masters Athletics Championship in Toronto in 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Coteau'.

Michael Coteau
Minister