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On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I'd like to thank the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) for a fantastic year. The vital work that you do in cancer research – in collaboration with partners across the province and around the world – has helped increase our knowledge of the disease and has led to many improvements in cancer detection, prevention and care for Ontarians.

I commend OICR for being at the forefront of discovery and innovation in cancer research. You are key to breaking down silos, facilitating collaboration with researchers in both the public and private sectors, and moving oncology innovations to real world opportunities that benefit patients, investors and Ontario's economy.

In 2019-20, OICR led a Pan-Cancer Analysis of Whole Genomes (PCAWG) project — a major endeavor which included the collaboration of over 1,300 scientists and clinicians from around the world. This has led to many impressive discoveries through this cancer genomics research.

Your work has been an invaluable asset in establishing Ontario as a global leader in cancer research. These groundbreaking achievements are incredible and promising, enriching our understanding and providing new ways to approach the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Congratulations and thanks to OICR for all of your successes over the past year, and for your role in leading these important initiatives that benefit the people of Ontario.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Ross Romano
Minister of Colleges and Universities