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On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I would like to thank the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) for another tremendous year. The vital work that you do in cancer research has increased our knowledge of the disease and has led to many impressive innovations with the potential to improve the way cancer is prevented, detected and treated in the years to come.

Your commitment to facilitating collaboration with researchers and partners in both the public and private sectors around the world has been key to new discoveries. This has strengthened Ontario's research expertise and led to new opportunities and discoveries that benefit cancer patients, researchers and Ontario's economy.

In particular, I would like to congratulate you on your work with the <u>Pancreatic Cancer</u> <u>Translational Research Initiative</u> (PanCuRx), which has helped make major advances in genomic sequencing, and run productive new clinical trials. Your collaboration with PAnCuRx has prompted researchers around the world to make many promising breakthroughs in cancer research.

I would also like to acknowledge your work with <u>OICR's Patient Partnership Plan</u> for helping to bring the integration of patient perspectives to cancer research, which can lead to more successful research outcomes.

OICR's work has been an invaluable asset in establishing Ontario as a global leader in cancer research. Congratulations once again on your successes over the past year in leading high-impact research that makes a real difference in the lives of cancer patients in Ontario and around the world.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jill Dunlop Minister of Colleges and Universities