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On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I would like to congratulate the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) on its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the past two decades, OICR has played an integral role in accelerating cancer discoveries to turn them into real-world treatments that improve the lives of people across Ontario and the globe. Our government has been proud to support the critical efforts of OICR by investing over \$576 million since 2018.

As one of the leading co-founders of the International Cancer Genome Consortium, OICR led the collection of tumour samples from over 24,000 people worldwide. This effort was followed by a largescale study of these samples through the Pan-Cancer Analysis of Whole Genomes project, which led to breakthroughs in changing how the world understands and treats cancer.

The impact of OICR's work extends far beyond the lab. OICR and its partner, FACIT, have helped launch over 35 successful companies, creating and supporting more than 1,500 highly skilled jobs. A notable example is Fusion Pharmaceuticals — a Hamilton-based biopharmaceutical company that was acquired by AstraZeneca for \$2.4 billion USD. Through efforts like this, OICR is vital to our government's work to build a thriving life sciences sector in Ontario and attract billions in investments to the province.

Our government is proud to support the world class research taking place in our province, research like OICR's that continually drives our economy and improves the lives of our residents. We look forward to our continued partnership with OICR in the years to come.

Congratulations once again on this remarkable milestone and thank you for the incredible work you do for Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nolan Quinn'.

The Honourable Nolan Quinn  
Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security