

Fw: FYI - Auditor General Responds to Canadian Taxpayers Federation Supporters

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Hi all,

FYI –

The [Canadian Taxpayers Federation](#) recently issued a call to action to their supporters across Ontario to thank the Auditor General “for her courage standing up to the government, and standing up for Ontario’s taxpayers.”

On March 28, 2018, the Auditor General responded to the Ontario Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation with a letter, thanking the organization for their support. This was posted on the Federation’s blog today: [“Ontario’s Auditor General Responds to CTF Supporters”](#) (also pasted below).

So far, the blog post has been shared 99 times on Facebook and 11 times on Twitter.

Best,

Alisha

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[ONTARIO'S AUDITOR GENERAL RESPONDS TO CTF SUPPORTERS](#)

On March 27, we sent out a call to action to our CTF supporters across Ontario. The Ontario Auditor

General had said that for the first time in Canadian history, she may be forced to issue an adverse audit opinion on Ontario's books.

An adverse opinion is a professional opinion made by an auditor that financial statements are misrepresented, misstated, and do not accurately reflect financial performance and health. And Ontario Auditor General, Bonnie Lysyk, was preparing to issue one because of the Wynne government's incorrect and deceptive accounting methods.

We thought this was so extraordinary for many ways. First, it was extraordinary that a government was engaging in such misleading accounting that it could result in an adverse audit opinion. But it was just as extraordinary that a public servant like Bonnie Lysyk was willing to speak truth to power, and challenge the government. A government which has repeatedly attacked her for simply doing her job.

Our March 27 call to action asked CTF supporters to thank the Auditor General for her courage standing up to the government, and standing up for Ontario taxpayers. And boy did you come through!

On March 28, the Auditor General called our office to say that in just one day she had received thousands of emails thanking her for her work. In fact, she'd received so many emails it was flooding her inbox, and crashing her email account! While we certainly didn't want to interfere with the Auditor General's very important work, we are so happy that our amazing CTF supporters came through and showed the Auditor General how much we appreciate her fortitude. Next time, let's send her our thanks at comments@auditor.on.ca so we don't flood her inbox again!

She also sent us a letter, which is attached here as an image, and which you can read here:



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March 28, 2018

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Dear Christine:

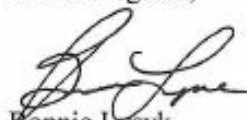
Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the overwhelming show of support from your organization to my Office regarding our work.

It has been gratifying to read the thousands of emails from your members. However, I would respectfully ask that you direct your members to use the email address comments@auditor.on.ca rather than my personal email address, which has been overwhelmed by the volume of emails.

You have done Ontarians a great service by highlighting the accounting issues for your members. We hope that your efforts will encourage a province-wide discussion on these important issues, which have a significant impact on the provincial finances.

Once again, thank you for helping focus the attention of Ontarians on an issue that matters to all of them.

Sincere regards,


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