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## Dear friends and colleagues,

As a follow up to Friday's email I have an update in regard to the relief options presented this week by the Government of Canada. Today, the Prime Minister confirmed that businesses, including charities and non-profits, affected by the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible for relief under the government's emergency response plan. Here is a link to those programs: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-businesses.html</a>.

I would also like to let you know that a group has been formed of Senators concerned with the effects of this public health emergency on our arts and culture sector. We will be focusing our efforts on this sector and looking for solutions to the disruption on the people working in this very valuable part of our economy.

Best,

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