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Municipal Retirees  
ORGANIZATION ONTARIO

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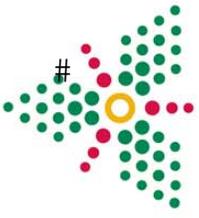
Dear Ms Rooney:

First, on behalf of the 17,000 members of our organization, let me congratulate you on your ground-breaking appointment as Canada's first Financial Literacy Leader and on the important task you have set yourself. Our members have the good fortune to be in the OMERS defined-benefit pension plan. Nonetheless, we believe that financial literacy is a key element of anyone's retirement planning and that planning is the key to a rewarding retirement.

The purpose of this letter is to see if we might have opportunities to cooperate with each other, in order to facilitate your task to some extent. Here are some of the resources we could provide to help you:

- thrice-yearly communication by written newsletter with our membership of 17,000 (which is growing rapidly)
- broadcast e-mail contact with approximately 5500 of our members
- non-profit, non-partisan and well-funded status
- membership from all walks of local government life and all levels of education/income
- a dozen day-long meetings each year hosting in aggregate roughly 2000 members across the Province, at which guest speakers on matters of interest to retirees are always welcome
- an existing program of retirement planning seminars for soon-to-retain local government employees in Ontario, at which OMERS, CPP, OAS, private savings and careful budgeting are discussed (approx. 15 such seminar per year)
- a favourable relationship with the staff at the OMERS pension plan
- partnerships and cross-memberships with a variety of pensioners and seniors organizations

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- a willingness to innovate and develop new ways to assist our members and OMERS pensioners generally
- numerous of members from the local government sector with high-level expertise in financial management and well-honed presentation skills

Please find attached more information about MROO. If you would like to explore how our organization might in some small way help to promote greater financial literacy, we look forward to talking to you.

Our very best wishes,

Bill Winegard  
Executive Director  
Municipal Retirees Organization Ontario

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