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The Honourable Neil Lumsden

Minister of Sport
777 Bay Street, 2nd floor
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Dear Minister:

On behalf of [INSERT SWIM ORGANIZATION], thank you for your continued leadership in supporting the development of recreation infrastructure across Ontario. We are eager to continue your work with the advancement of 50-metre aquatic facilities across Ontario.

In the past two decades, Ontario has suffered from a lack of pool development and insufficient funding. The majority of indoor 50m pools in Ontario were built in the 1970s, 1980s and 2010s. Only four 50M pools have been built after the year 2000. Ontario is falling behind; this shortage has left a recreation gap felt by our province’s athletic clubs and community members.

In [insert community], aquatic club members typically have to [insert driving or lack of pool access anecdotes]. New, strategically located 50-metre pools would allow athletes to train and compete closer to home, rather than in the United States or in pools that are further from home or better suited for community use.

Aquatic infrastructure provides community members and athletes with the opportunity to participate in sport and fitness, access rehabilitation programs, build social connection, and attend and participate in special aquatic events. These are all fundamental aspects to community development currently missing for many members of our organization.

Large events, training and major competitions cannot be accommodated only by smaller pools. The lack of accessibility prevents substantial engagement and presents barriers for participation.

[INSERT SWIM ORGANIZATION] is requesting the Province of Ontario to conduct a study that identifies opportunities to build regionally significant sport infrastructure, including 50-metre pools to allow athletes to train and compete in Ontario. A province-led study would ensure targeted investments are efficient and coordinated, benefiting athletes and residents alike.

Thank you for considering this request. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and work with the Ministry to support the long-term success of aquatic sport in Ontario.

Signed by [INSERT NAME]

Swim Club Executive Director/Chair

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