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Dear Ms Dedman:

Premier Dalton McGuinty forwarded your letter regarding National Public Works Week, May 15-21, 2011. Thank you for writing and bringing this important event to our attention.

I am pleased to inform you that our government intends to declare May 15-21, 2011, Public Works Week in Ontario. An official proclamation will be made next week in the Legislature and my staff will be following up with you directly in this regard.

This occasion provides an excellent opportunity to highlight the importance of investing in public works and infrastructure projects. The recent round of infrastructure stimulus investments helped to drive Canada's economic recovery and have further demonstrated the importance of our province's public infrastructure and services.

As you may know, the provincial government is building on our recent successes by developing a new 10-year Infrastructure Plan. It will support the Open Ontario Plan to create jobs and new opportunities for economic growth. To be introduced later this year, the plan will direct infrastructure spending to the areas most important to Ontarians and contribute to the province's overall prosperity.

Finally, Public Works Week will help to recognize public works and infrastructure professionals and educate Ontarians about their vital contributions to our communities and our economy. Our government greatly appreciates the work of these dedicated men and women and welcomes the opportunity to acknowledge them.

Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to joining you in celebrating Public Works Week in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Chiarelli".

Bob Chiarelli
Minister

c: Hon. Dalton McGuinty