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Dear Colleagues,

As we work together to defeat Dalton McGuinty in just two short years, it is vitally important that we put in place a team and a plan that will get us to our goal. We have a tremendous amount of work to do between now and 2011. However, with the strong foundation of our talented and experienced caucus, all PC Caucus staff and our newly energized membership base, I know we will succeed in forming Government and starting the important task of leading Ontario on a new course to prosperity. Today, I am thrilled to announce the appointment of two key members of our team.

Following an extensive search, I am pleased to announce that Lynette Corbett has accepted the position of Chief of Staff and Carrie Kormos is joining us as Principal Secretary in the Leader's Office. We need experienced and skilled people leading our team toward the election in 2011 and these appointments reflect the important work ahead of us.

Lynette joins us from Ottawa where she held senior management roles including Director of Strategy and the Director of Policy to the Prime Minister of Canada, and Chief of Staff to the Federal Ministers of Agriculture and Natural Resources. She holds an M.A. in Political Science and an L.L.B. from the University of Western Ontario. Prior to her political career, Lynette worked as an associate at McArthur Vereschagin and Brown LLP, specializing in management side labour and employment law. She also has extensive campaign experience federally with the central campaign team and has worked locally in my riding during provincial elections. Her skills will be a great asset to our election readiness efforts. Lynette will assume her duties at the end of July.

As Chief of Staff, Lynette will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Leader's Office, in addition to overseeing PC Research and Services. Lynette will also work closely with Caucus Members and their staff.

Carrie comes to us from OEB Enterprise where she leads the public relations and marketing communications practice and works with clients on creating and implementing integrated communications strategies. In her capacity as Vice President of Public Relations, Carrie has created campaigns that have garnered national and international PR awards and accolades.

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Carrie was a key member of my first election team in 1995 and then served as my Executive Assistant at Queen's Park. She was my Chief of Staff at Northern Development and Mines and at Tourism, Culture and Recreation. Carrie left Queen's Park in 2001 to work in the private sector. Before joining OEB Enterprise she was Director of Corporate Affairs and National Director of Brand Marketing at Magna and Magna Entertainment. Carrie will join the team in mid-August.

The Principal Secretary will be responsible for strategic communications, planning, tour as well as public and stakeholder relations.

We are extremely fortunate to have two such talented and committed individuals to head up the Leader's Office. Their proven abilities, valuable experience in both the public and private sectors, leadership skills, and combined knowledge of politics and government will be a tremendous asset as we build a winning organization to defeat the Dalton McGuinty Liberals in 2011.

I want to thank Laurie Scott and Allan Williams for their leadership over the past number of months. They will continue in their current roles during this period of transition and will both be part of our team going forward. Please join with me in welcoming Lynette and Carrie to their new roles in the coming weeks. As we continue to build the team, we will share with you additional staff announcements in the near future.

In closing, please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



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