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Dear Hon. Doug Ford and Ministers,

We are writing to you today as a group of small business owners across Ontario. Each of us are owners of dance & performing arts schools serving children of all ages and adults by providing extracurricular activities in dance disciplines including ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary and more. As the COVID-19 pandemic progressed, each of us closed to protect our students, ending in-studio instruction, cancelling year end performances and dance competitions that students have been preparing for since the beginning of our season.

The long-term health of our dance communities depends on our coordinated focus to enact the necessary precautions and begin serving our patrons with the prescribed measures in-person as soon as possible.

Recognizing the risk of spread of COVID-19 in group environments, we know that granting us permission to re-open can only be done with the assurance that we are taking the right measures to ensure the prevention of spread, the protection of our staff and students, and by extension their families. In order to ensure this is possible, our group has worked together to adapt Ontario's "Workplace Guidance for Business Owners" to the dance and performing arts industry.

As there is no dance and performing arts industry association in Ontario, we came together to submit for approval the attached *Performing Arts & Dance Studio COVID-19 Protocols*, and are seeking

approval to re-open under this framework as part of Ontario's relaunch strategy Stage 1 for summer camps, and as part of Stage 2 for fall programs.

Over the years, we have all witnessed the incredible benefits our dancers receive from the physical activity, team environment and family atmosphere of our dance schools and we look forward to welcoming our students back as soon as it is safe. We have poured our hearts and souls into our businesses and we are prepared to do what is necessary to open our locations under heightened measures to ensure our viability now and in the future.

We would be pleased to virtually meet with you or a member of your staff to discuss any amendments needed to our protocols, how we can reopen safely, and protect our businesses from never opening again due to financial hardship.

Thank you for your consideration,

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