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Dear Minister Bentley:

This letter concerns the recent tragedy at the Uptown Theatre demolition site and your Ministry's lead role in its investigation. As you are no doubt aware, section 2.3.2.3 of the *Ontario Building Code* requires that an applicant for a demolition permit retain a professional engineer to undertake general review of the project during demolition.

Under authority delegated by the Ministry of the Attorney General through the *Professional Engineers Act*, Professional Engineers Ontario regulates the practice of professional engineering and governs its licence holders in order that the public interest is served and protected. Accordingly, we have an interest in the facts of this situation and, in particular, those relating to the practice of professional engineering or the professional conduct of a PEO licence holder.

Should your investigation reveal issues respecting the practice of professional engineering or the need to strengthen the legislation under which demolition is carried out, we would welcome the opportunity to assist the Ministry.

In the meantime, we will monitor events as they unfold and will apprise the Ministry if issues of mutual concern should come to light.

Sincerely,

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