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Honourable Charles Sousa
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Dear Minister Sousa:

Re: Pension Investment Amendment on 30 per cent Rule

The 2015 Ontario budget re-affirmed the government's intention to introduce an exception to the so-called 30 per cent Rule in respect of pension investments in Ontario infrastructure. It promised that draft legislation, taking into account comments received earlier in 2015, will be released for further comment in the coming months. In your Fall Economic Update, you made a further commitment to eliminate the 30 per cent rule for pension funds regulated in the province of Ontario. The purpose of this letter is to follow-up on these intentions.

PIAC has been the national voice for Canadian private and public pension funds since 1977 in matters related to pension investment and governance. Senior investment professionals employed by PIAC's member funds are responsible for the oversight and management of over \$1.5 trillion in assets on behalf of millions of Canadians. PIAC's mission is to promote sound investment practices and good governance for the benefit of pension plan sponsors and beneficiaries.

It has long been PIAC's position that quantitative limits are unnecessary and have unintended negative consequences. We would be happy to share past studies and submissions by PIAC on this issue. We would appreciate receiving an update on the status of the government's intent on these policy initiatives.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair