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**Entité 4 reacts to the Fall Economic Statement**

AURORA, ON, November 16, 2018 – In its Fall Economic Statement, the government of Ontario announced that the Office of the French Language Services Commissioner and the project for a French-language university in Ontario would respectively be dismantled and cancelled. Entité 4 wishes to express its grave concern surrounding these decisions and urges the government to reconsider them.

“The Office of the French Language Services Commissioner plays a fundamental role, not only in ensuring that the French Language Services Act is enforced, but also in putting issues and challenges faced by Franco-Ontarians prominently in the provincial arena, thus conferring to French its rightful place as an official language.

The French-language university has long been desired by Francophones. Access to quality post-secondary education in French is essential if we want skilled bilingual human resources who can provide services in all sectors, including health.

For all these reasons, we request that the Government of Ontario re-examine these decisions.”

- **Yves Lévesque, Chairman of the Board, Entité 4**

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*Entité 4 is mandated to provide recommendations to the Central, Central East and North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs). The collaboration between Entité 4 and the LHINs has resulted in increased access to health services in French for the francophone communities of the region.*