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Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to serve as Honourary Chair for the capital campaign in support of the new International Estonian Centre to be built in Toronto, Canada.

The new International Estonian Centre will inspire and be a source of pride for Estonia's largest diaspora community, and a home away from home for those with Estonian roots across North America and beyond.

This is the biggest project that our Estonian diaspora has undertaken in over 50 years. The Centre envisions a flagship building that showcases our culture and heritage and facilitates entrepreneurial and business opportunities with Estonia while also providing a space for the programming of the local vibrant community.

I am proud to be part of this exciting initiative, and encourage Estonians from far and wide to support the International Estonian Centre. I look forward to the opening of the Centre, and the prominence it will bring to Estonia and Estonians.

Toomas H. Ilves

Former President of the Republic of Estonia (2006-2016)

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