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Dr. Michael Grand  
The Coalition for Open Adoption Records  
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Dear Dr. Grand,

Thank you for your interest in finding out more about *The Road Ahead: the Ernie Eves Plan for Ontario*.

We are proud of the progress we have made, the hope and prosperity we have helped bring back to Ontario, and the reputation we have earned for fulfilling our commitments. *The Road Ahead* will guide me and our Party as we work to build a better future for all Ontarians. *The Road Ahead* is our plan to take us into that brighter future and help to fulfill Ontario's promise.

We understand that access to adoption records is a very, very sensitive issue that affects adoptees, birth parents and adoptive parents. That is why we have worked so hard to improve the process of reuniting families.

In January 1995 there were 18,000 adoptees waiting for a search for their birth relative. This government found this unacceptable and committed additional funding over the years to reduce the number of people waiting to 10,000 by the end of March 2000.

Our party is pleased with the progress we have made since 1995 to shorten the waiting list for searches. We have reduced the wait for a search to be initiated to 3-months, instead of the seven years it used to take under previous governments.

In addition, there is no waiting list for the processing of matches between two parties who have each voluntarily entered the Adoption Disclosure Register, or in cases where there is a medical need for information.

We have taken action, and we will continue to work hard to ensure timely access to adoption disclosure services. While there is currently no plan for greater access to be granted to adoption records, on *The Road Ahead*, we will continue to be open to debate on these issues.

We will continue to ensure that all improvements to adoption disclosure services strike a balance between helping adult adoptees and/or birth relatives who want to re-unite, while protecting the rights of those who want to maintain their privacy.



EXPERIENCE FOR THE ROAD AHEAD.

I invite you to read more about our plan to secure Ontario's future, to build on our hard-earned gains, and to continue working towards the goal we all share... to make Ontario the best place in the world to live, to work, to invest and to raise a family. Attached is a copy of *The Road Ahead* - a summary of our detailed plan for Ontario's future.

Should you like more information, we would be pleased to send you a copy of any of our Policy Papers on specific issue areas. Please call our toll-free info line at 1-866-822-EVES (3837) or visit our website at [www.ontariopc.com](http://www.ontariopc.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernie Eves", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Ernie Eves  
Leader of the Ontario PC Party