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ITAC to provide Submission to Ontario Government for their Budget 2019 considerations

As the Government of Ontario undertakes planning for the 2019 Budget, the Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC) – on behalf of its membership – wishes to stress the importance and ability of technology to help the government improve the way that its programs are delivered to its citizens and businesses, improving service delivery and saving money as a result.

To do this, ITAC will provide its Ontario 2019 Budget Submission, which will align to themes outlined by the Government of Ontario, including:

- Cutting red tape for businesses and people who access government services
- Improving the ways the government delivers programs or services
- Saving taxpayers' money

ITAC's Submission will also address some of the best ways to fulfill the government's five core commitments to:

1. Putting more money in people's pockets
2. Cleaning up the hydro mess by lowering hydro bills
3. Making Ontario open for business by creating and protecting jobs
4. Restoring accountability and trust to end the culture of waste and mismanagement in government
5. Cutting hospital wait times and end hallway healthcare

These themes shape **ITAC's five recommendations for change, including:**

- Incorporating and using technology to drive government efficiencies and better services.
- Ensuring the Ontario Government makes Cyber Security a priority and as part of a new digital government, cyber security should be included by design for all new programs.
- The need for the Ontario public sector to accelerate in a leadership position in the Ontario economy to capture and provide further opportunities to maximize the impact of Ontario innovation in AI, blockchain, machine learning, and other associated technologies.
- Modernizing operations and improving taxpayer services; but not duplicate services that are readily available in the private sector, creating unnecessary competition that prevents the government from focusing on other functions.

ITAC is working with members of the ITAC Ontario Board of Directors to finalize the Submission. A final copy will be shared with all members in the coming weeks.