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To whom it may concern,

I would like to offer my support for the application submitted by the City of Mount Pearl to the Smart Cities Challenge. Mount Pearl has launched an initiative called "A1Next" which will see the construction of a technology sandbox in their city. This initiative would double the number of technology-based companies in Mount Pearl from 8 to 16, lower their median age from 44.5 to 43.5 and increase their population by 5%, all within the next 5 years.

The City of Mount Pearl has a long history of being a leader among municipalities in Canada. As a city with a population of just under 23,000 people, Mount Pearl has long punched well above its weight on the national scene. Mount Pearl is nationally renowned for their innovative approach to offering recreational services and their strong sense of community spirit and pride.

Mount Pearl recognizes they have a declining population and that the entire country is in the middle of a transitioning economy. To be competitive in the new economy, Mount Pearl is making very innovative efforts to attract and retain the best and brightest from across the world. The "A1Next" project will help them achieve this goal.

I wholeheartedly support this application and sincerely hope that their proposal receives the due consideration that it certainly merits.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, PC, MP

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