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Wendy Gnenz  
Open City and Technology  
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Dear Ms. Gnenz:

**Re: Smart Cities Challenge – Letter of support**

On behalf of the Institute for Health Economics (IHE), please accept this letter of support to the City of Edmonton in its proposal for the Smart Cities Challenge.

We fully support the City of Edmonton in its' effort to prepare Edmonton's Smart Cities Challenge proposal development and implementation. We would encourage inclusion in the proposal strong evaluation and objective evidence gathering to steer what is an important effort in social change. It is well documented that local government and the community characteristics of *inclusion* and *connection* play a vital role in prospering improved individual and population health and well-being.

New innovative solutions to Edmonton's most pressing health challenges, utilizing new cross-sectoral data integration capabilities, have the capacity to greatly impact the mental, physical, social, and economic health of those who live, work and play in Edmonton and potentially provide some lessons for other jurisdictions in Canada.

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Sincerely,

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