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The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
House of Commons
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Dear Minister Sohi:

Amarjeet!

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Edmonton's application to the Smart Cities Challenge.

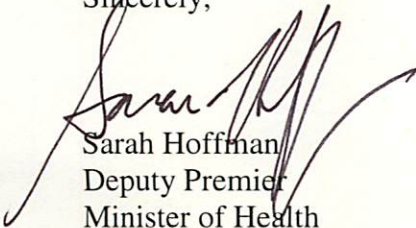
Building on its recent effort to establish Edmonton as Canada's Health City, the City of Edmonton has selected the theme of 'Healthy City' for the Smart Cities Challenge, to improve four health indicators: mental health, physical health, social health, and economic health.

As Alberta's Minister of Health, I am encouraged by Edmonton's theme as it aligns with on-going work and efforts in my Ministry to support a learning health system that seeks to improve the health outcomes of all Albertans.

Alberta is home to one of the largest, most mature health administrative data assets in Canada which have the potential to make the province a global leader in real world evidence. Integration of health and non-health data is essential to support research and innovation, ultimately improving the lives and health of Albertans.

The largest contribution to people's health is the time spent outside of the health system, in the communities where they live, work, and play. The City of Edmonton's application to the Smart Cities Challenge, to use data-supported innovation to improve the four health indicators, has significant potential for future collaboration with my ministry. Through a successful Smart Cities Challenge application, Edmonton will demonstrate to other municipalities the value of data-based innovation and its potential for significant impact on the health outcomes of residents.

Sincerely,



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