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Honourable Jamie Muir  
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Dear Minister Muir:

My purpose in writing is to express how pleased members of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce's were with the passing of Bill 181, HRMbyDesign.

From discussions with developers we know that approval of this Bill was critical to ensuring development in our capital city continues. Especially in these turbulent times, it's encouraging to see that our government is doing all it can to encourage smart growth.

The Chamber presented to Law Amendments and will be there at Council in the new year, when approval of the plan is sought from the city. Once again, we thank you and the entire provincial government for choosing to say YES to the future of our great city.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO