



November 3rd, 2008

Premier Rodney MacDonald
Province of Nova Scotia
P.O. Box 726
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2T3

Dear Premier MacDonald:

Re: BioScience Enterprise Centre

I am writing to congratulate you and your government on the decision to invest \$32 million over 20 years in a new BioScience Enterprise Centre at Dalhousie University.

Our Provincial Affairs Committee believes that this is tremendous news for Nova Scotia. Bringing basic research (the medical school and the Life Sciences Research Institute), clinical research (through the QEII and affiliated hospitals) and life science start ups all into close proximity is a huge step forward for supporting development of the life science cluster in Nova Scotia.

According to the National Research Council, the life science market is estimated at \$500 million and is growing 20% annually. It is investments such as this in research, innovation and growing sectors that will hedge our provincial economy against turmoil.

Premier MacDonald, by showing such leadership and vision you are choosing to create long term stability for the people of this province. Congratulations and thank you.

Sincerely,

Valerie A. Payn
President & CEO

