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Dear Ms. Soley:

Re: Support for the New City Central Library

My purpose in writing this letter is to express the Halifax Chamber of Commerce's support for the new central library project.

Every city centre needs a quality library. This is especially true today as arts, culture, education and information sharing are essential to growing our city and our economy. Currently, Halifax does not have a quality central library; in fact, our central library is barely able to provide the most basic services.

Giving the stress on city coffers, the central library project has been put on hold for more than a decade. Many of our Chamber members have expressed concern over the fact that the longer this project is delayed, the more it will end up costing tax payers. It is time to put the shovel in the ground and build Halifax a central library that a city of this caliber requires.

I look forward to hearing that this project will be supported through the Federal Build Canada Infrastructure Program.

Sincerely,



Valerie A. Payn  
President & CEO