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To the Honourable Minister Amarjeet Sohi and the Smart Cities Challenge jury,

Cybera is pleased to offer our support for Calgary's submission to the Smart Cities challenge. We are a not-for-profit organization responsible for accelerating technology adoption in Alberta. At the core of our operations is CyberaNet, a high-bandwidth network dedicated to the province's research and education community.

For over six years, Cybera has worked with the City of Calgary's Information Technology team to deploy Alberta's research and education network, and to build the Calgary Internet Exchange (YYCIX). We have been very impressed by the City's open data and other technological discovery programs, and their willingness to embrace new ideas that will improve the lives and employment opportunities of Calgarians.

Calgary has long been at the forefront of Smart City applications. It was among the first cities in Canada to deploy a municipal dark fibre network to support connected municipal infrastructure. The City also leases out excess dark fibre to organizations like ours for use in private communications networks, in order to encourage innovation, economic growth, and competition. Efforts like these are critical elements in the development of a truly Smart City, and are indicative of the forward-thinking leadership Calgary attracts.

The City's public engagement process in developing their submission to this Smart Cities challenge is also exemplary of their overall commitment to data-driven, citizen-driven, social and economic growth. As a neutral, not-for-profit technology partner and customer of the City of Calgary's dark fibre network, Cybera is happy to affirm our support for the City of Calgary's submission to the Smart Cities challenge.

We look forward to working with the City to continue its technology initiatives that support economic growth and the well-being of all Calgarians!

Sincerely,



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