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Dear Deputy Minister Farmer,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Economic Development and its review of our province's investment and attraction mechanisms, structures, and supports. As one of the Municipalities that participates in a Contribution Agreement to support dedicated activities in growing the regional approach to economic development, East Hants found the recent discussions valuable and informative.

Local governments, Regional Enterprise Networks, and economic development agencies across the province continue to collaborate, partner, and coordinate to grow the provincial economy and build a more prosperous Nova Scotia. East Hants has found the Province's current support to be beneficial in creating new economic opportunities for regions, supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs, attracting investment, and building resilient communities.

As your consultations and review process continues, East Hants is open to further engagement opportunities, and to continuing our regional approach to economic development with the Halifax Partnership and the Province of Nova Scotia.

Regards,

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