

February 28, 2023

Honourable Minister François-Philippe Champagne Minister of Science, Innovation, Science and Industry Canada 235 Queen Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0H5

Dear Minister Champagne,

## Re: Letter of Support Regarding New Saskatchewan Polytechnic

The NSBA – Saskatoon's Business Association is a member-driven organization that serves, promotes, and protects businesses throughout Saskatoon and beyond. As an organization deeply rooted in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, with a membership base of over 700 companies, ranging from small and medium-sized businesses to large multinational corporations, we are writing to you to provide our support for the vision of a newly modernized campus for Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

As a fast-growing province, Saskatchewan Polytechnic is a key element to our province's economic growth and an important ally to the business community. The institution has contributed to economic growth and development through work-ready graduates and industry partnerships it produces.

This is particularly impressive when you consider how Saskatchewan Polytechnic has had to improvise with a plenary of locations, specifically within Saskatoon, while delivering world-class post-secondary education. The NSBA believes that Saskatchewan Polytechnic's impact would be even more pronounced if they were able to deliver this education and programming from a single modern campus.

In closing, the return on investment by Saskatchewan Polytechnic has benefited its key stakeholders – students, taxpayers and society, and over the years, has been proven to be financially worthwhile. The NSBA believes this investment into Saskatchewan Polytechnic to build a state-of-the-art campus will increase applied research opportunities and set students up for tremendous success, benefiting Saskatchewan's future. We encourage you to support this new campus with appropriate funding.

If you have any questions, I would be pleased to address them in a future discussion.

Sincerely.

Keith Moen

**Executive Director** 

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