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Dear Sir,

On behalf of Open North, I'd like to support the application of the Open Government Office at the Treasury Board Secretariat of the Ontario Government to participate in the Open Government Partnership (OGP)'s pilot program for subnational entities.

Open North is the leading Canadian non-profit that specializes in open data and civic technology. We are active members of the OGP's Open Data Working Group and Stewards of the International Open Data Charter. In Canada, our work ranges from advocacy campaigns, consulting on open data policies, standards, and engagement strategies, as well as building open government infrastructure and tools.

We are keen to support the integration of Canadian jurisdictions into the global open data and open government communities. By extensively consulting local stakeholders in the development and implementation of it's open by default initiative, Ontario's Open Government Office has clearly demonstrated its commitment to the values of the OGP.

I am convinced that they will effectively leverage the tools and approaches that the OGP has to offer while making a meaningful contribution to the experience of other OGP members, as well as set an example for other governments in Canada to follow.

We hope that you will support their application and are at your disposal to answer any questions.

Best regards,

Jean-Noé Landry Executive Director