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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposed London Technology Development Centre being submitted to London City Hall.

London has a rich history of innovation and higher learning. Western is proud to be a part of that tradition. Unfortunately, London lacks the resources necessary to allow for innovative ideas to be developed in London. Individuals with innovative ideas must typically move elsewhere to become successful entrepreneurs, often have to sell their ideas early or give up on bringing their idea to fruition due to lack of funds.

The proposed London Technology Development Centre will facilitate the growth of London's IT industry and provide valuable resources to students and graduates. Such a facility makes it possible to bring Western, Fanshawe, and various community members together to develop innovative projects and technologies. The creation of such a facility would likely increase graduate retention rates in London.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the London Technology Development Centre Task Force as they seek to locate the London Technology Development Centre at the London Normal School site in Wortley Village.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Professor and Chair