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Tyler Shantz Municipal Services Office - Western Ontario 659 Exeter Road, Floor 2 London, ON, N6E 1L3

## RE: Letter of Support for NewCold's Guelph Sustainability Campus

Dear Mr. Shantz,

For more than a century, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) has been the independent, non-partisan, and indispensable partner of Ontario business. The OCC's mission is to support economic growth in the province by defending business priorities at Queen's Park on behalf of its network's diverse 60,000 members and 157 chambers of commerce and boards of trade.

I am writing to express our support for NewCold's proposal to establish a Sustainability Campus in Guelph, Ontario. NewCold, a member of the OCC, is one of the largest global food logistics companies specializing in temperature-controlled storage and distribution. With a focus on sustainability and enhancing food security, the 200-acre establishment would be a state-of-the-art cold storage, energy-efficient, ambient storage, and manufacturing facility.

As we move forward from COVID-19 and its economic challenges, all available avenues must be pursued to support the long-term resilience of our economy. The NewCold Sustainability Campus will play an integral role in advancing the province's agri-food sector and sustaining the food supply chain and food security.

Please do not hesitate to contact us about this exciting investment for Ontario's sustained economic growth.

Sincerely,

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