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Dear Justine,

Institute of Technology in the East of England

We are writing to express our support for the application, made to you, from Dr Nikos Savvas, Principal and CEO of West Suffolk College, for the establishment of an Institute of Technology in the East of England.

As you will be aware, East Anglia is fast developing itself as a centre for technology, engineering and science; with leading universities, pharmaceuticals and businesses. The growing potential of the Technology Corridor running from Cambridge to Norwich continues to attract investment and skills into the region.

For instance, to the north, *Mars*, located in King's Lynn, has invested significantly in its manufacturing site; and in the east Norwich has burgeoning potential at the *Norwich Research Park*, BT and in the aviation industry facilitated by *RAF Marham* and others.

To the south of the region there is a cluster of high tech small and medium sized businesses; and to the west, technological giant, *Arms Limited* in Cambridge currently has 5,000 staff and plans to double their workforce. Whilst along the coast, there are significant opportunities in the energy and marine sectors.

For these opportunities to be fully realised, an Institute of Technology at the heart of East Anglia growing the necessary skills within the regional economy, is essential. The application from West Suffolk College in Bury St Edmunds to establish itself as an Institute of Technology for the East of England, is ideally suited to support the exciting development already underway.

The Expression of Interest from West Suffolk College demonstrates not only the support for an Institute of Technology from leaders in research, engineering and



business, but also the advanced network of skills and growth particularly around energy, health agri-tech and productivity, which West Suffolk College will deliver.

We, therefore, encourage you to support this application from West Suffolk College for an Institute of Technology in the East of England. Furthermore, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and the Minister for Apprenticeship and Skills to discuss this proposal further.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Churchill MP

Peter Aldous MP

Elizabeth Truss MP

Matt Hancock MP

James Cartledge MP

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cc. Nikos Savvas, Principal at West Suffolk College

cc. Anne Milton MP, Minister of State for Apprenticeship and Skills