GOVERNMENT HOUSE

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Mr. Rolf Bouman
Founder
Friends United
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Dear Mr. Bouman,

Darlene and I wish to extend our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Friends United for the invitation and opportunity to tour the Friends United International Convention Centre.

Throughout our visit, we saw firsthand the dedication and collaboration that goes into creating and maintaining a setting that can honour Indigenous art from across Canada. Friends United has done an incredible job supporting Indigenous artists and knowledge keepers in introducing an Indigenous perspective to the world by promoting a deeper understanding of their significant cultural legacy, wisdom, and heritage.

During our visit we were impressed by the significant amount of Indigenous art displayed, the largest private collection in Atlantic Canada of Indigenous art including Inuit carvings. Each section throughout the convention centre, showcased the talent of Indigenous artists and demonstrated the positive impact Friends United has in providing a space for artists to explore their art.

We extend our best wishes to Friends United for continued growth, success, and many more years of meaningful service.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Savage, ONS
Lieutenant Governor

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