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Good Afternoon

The National Planning Framework must take a balanced regional perspective on the future development of the country. This means developing economic counter weights to the increasing dominance of Dublin.

I am writing in support of the submission made by **Mid-West Limerick City Region**. The Mid West Limerick City Region meets the key criteria to be a Tier 2 City and therefore, the Limerick region should be prioritised for significant population and jobs growth under the National Planning Framework. There has to be better use made of the rail infrastructure in the Limerick region for commuters and faster trains to Dublin, Cork and Galway and as detailed in the submission, the road network around Limerick needs to be enhanced and a motorway to Cork has to be a priority. As outlined in the submission made by the Mid-West Limerick city region, the expansion of Foynes port and maximising the significant available capacity at Shannon International Airport has to be prioritised also.

I would ask that you and your colleagues give serious consideration to the detailed and extensive submission made by Mid West Limerick City Region when finalising the National Planning Framework.

Yours sincerely
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