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Warden Eleanor Roulston
Municipality of East Hants
Box 230, Unit 170
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Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5
Via email: eroulston@easthants.ca

Dear Warden Roulston:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 2022, regarding your opposition to *An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Charter*.

There is an urgent need for housing in HRM, and this authority is another tool to help us address this housing crisis. I understand your, and other municipalities, concerns with these amendments and want to assure you that we did not take these steps lightly. Overall, it is my intent to use this legislative authority sparingly, if at all.

I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns and support for your fellow municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John A. Lohr".

Honourable John A. Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing

c: Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (info@nsfm.ca)

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