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Honourable Steven Guilbeault
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Dear Honourable Guilbeault,

RE: Exemption of Volunteer Emergency Service Providers from New Fuel Charges

This letter is to acknowledge and support the Municipality of Barrington in their letter dated July 27, 2023, and the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth in their letter dated November 1, 2023, regarding the request for carbon tax exemption for volunteer emergency service providers.

Oxford Town Council understands the importance to reduce and eliminate the use of fossil fuels as it is destroying our climate, but we are concerned with the extra financial burden on the volunteer emergency service providers as they are on a limited and fixed budget to protect our Town.

To reiterate Warden Cunningham's letter, The emergency service providers are "volunteers, sacrificially working out of their desire to make communities safer, selflessly putting their lives at risk in times of crisis; working tirelessly to fund training and equipment purchases; all of which is enough of a price to pay to keep our residents safe."

Oxford Town Council shares the same request as the Municipality of Barrington and the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth to also ask that the application of the carbon tax on volunteer emergency service providers be removed.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further, my email is ghenley@oxfordns.ca and phone number is 902-397-2785

Kind Regards,

Greg Henley
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