



Yarmouth County REMO

Yarmouth County Regional Emergency Management

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Dear Minister Lohr,

I am writing to express our strong support for the changes you have outlined regarding the emergency alert system in Nova Scotia. As recent events have tragically demonstrated, having a robust, responsive, and coordinated alert system is critical for public safety.

The steps you have proposed to streamline the alert process and expand access to key stakeholders are commendable. Eliminating internal checks and empowering municipalities to issue alerts more quickly addresses a crucial need for timely information dissemination during emergencies. Expanding access to include municipal police, fire services, and other first responders will ensure that those on the front lines can rapidly communicate urgent safety information.

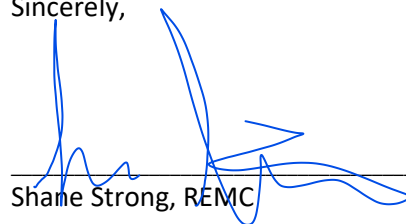
I particularly applaud the move to allow provincial authorities to issue alerts proactively, when necessary, even without a municipal request. This provides an important safeguard to protect public safety in dynamic emergency situations.

The commitment to provide refresher training and support to municipalities and other stakeholders as they take on expanded alert responsibilities is also vital. Proper training will help ensure the system is used effectively.

As you move forward with implementing these changes and developing new legislation, I encourage continued consultation and coordination with municipalities, first responders, and other key partners. Their on-the-ground expertise will be invaluable in creating a truly responsive and effective provincial alert system.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical public safety issue. I believe the changes you have outlined will significantly enhance Nova Scotia's emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

Sincerely,



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Nick Hilton, Chair of Yarmouth County REMO

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