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Warden Amanda Mombourquette  
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Via email: [amombourquette@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:amombourquette@richmondcounty.ca)

Dear Warden Mombourquette:

Thank you for your letter on March 27, 2023, regarding your opposition to *An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Charter*.

As you note, housing is a concern across the province and this authority is another tool to help us address the 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: Councillors, Municipality of the County of Richmond  
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