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The Honourable Gudie Hutchings  
Minister of Rural Economic Development  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Delivered via Email

Dear Minister Hutchings,

**Re: Congratulations on new Cabinet portfolio**

On behalf of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), I want to congratulate you on becoming responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency in addition to your existing portfolio.

NSFM is the legislated voice of all 49 municipalities in Nova Scotia. Our members can partner with other orders of government to create opportunities in the Atlantic region. As you know, rural municipalities are faced with unique challenges, but also offer unique opportunities to residents, businesses, non-profits, and social enterprises.

I invite you to discuss opportunities for collaboration with our Board and membership. We commend your past engagements with our rural members and look forward to those to come.

Kind regards,

*Brenda Chisholm-B*

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President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities