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Honourable John A. Lohr  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
P.O. Box 216  
Halifax, NS B3J 2M4

**(Sent Via Email)**

Dear Minister Lohr,

**Re: Gas Distribution Municipal Taxation Act**

I am contacting you today to gain clarity on the future of the Gas Distribution Municipal Taxation Act (the Act).

As you may know, NSFM was directly involved the partnership underlying the Act. For the last 19 years, this Act has provided an increasingly valuable source of revenue to municipalities that have natural gas pipelines within their boundaries.

As stated in section 14, the Act is set to expire on January 1, 2024. We understand that Halifax Regional Municipality has inquired about the future of this legislation, and I would like to echo this inquiry on behalf of all municipalities.

Will the Act be replaced or extended as part of the fall legislative session? If you have another plan for this legislation, I am interested to learn about this plan and work together with your department to update our members.

I am hopeful that we will be able to maintain this channel of revenue for Nova Scotian municipalities.

Kind regards,

*Brenda Chisholm-B*

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President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities