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The Honourable Gordon Wilson  
Minister, Department of Environment  
Province of Nova Scotia  
P.O. Box 442 Halifax, NS B3J 2P8

Dear Minister Wilson:

RE: CONGRATULATIONS ON APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER

On behalf of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities' Board of Directors, I would like to express our congratulations for your recent appointment as the Minister of Nova Scotia Environment.

As you know, NSFM has been working closely with your department on the issue of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). EPR on printed paper and packaging was voted one of the top five priorities by our membership at our annual conference in November 2018.

NSFM is pleased to have been part of the Solid Waste Chairs Committee that recently released its report on ERP and we are also encouraged by last weeks Federal announcement to ban single-use plastics. Governments across the country at all levels are leading the change to protect our environment with the support of citizens. We believe now is the time for the Government of Nova Scotia to show that same leadership.

NSFM would like to request a meeting with you to discuss in greater detail our resolution and the impact inaction is having on municipalities across the province.

We would also like to discuss the recently introduced Coastal Protection Act which NSFM was publicly supportive of. We understand the regulatory framework is yet to come and we look forward to engaging in that process.

Sincerely,

{Original signed by}

Councillor Waye Mason  
President, NSFM