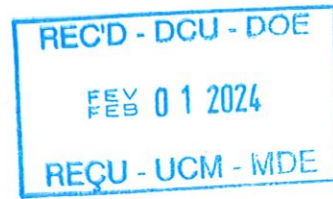




January 15, 2024

Honourable Steven Guilbeault
1010-800 Maisonneuve Blvd East
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Dear Honourable Guilbeault,

RE: Exemption of Volunteer Emergency Service Providers from New Fuel Charges

This letter is to acknowledge and support the Municipality of Barrington in their letter dated July 27, 2023, the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth in their letter dated November 1, 2023, and the Town of Oxford in their letter dated November 27, 2023, regarding the request for carbon tax exemption for Volunteer Emergency Service Providers.

Our Council completely understands the importance of reducing and eliminating the use of fossil fuels, however, we have concerns with adding yet another financial burden to our volunteer providers.

As the Town of Oxford did, we wish to reiterate what Warden Cunningham's letter said when he described emergency service providers as "volunteers, sacrificially working out of their desire to make communities safer, selflessly putting their lives at risk in times of crisis; working tirelessly to fund training and equipment purchases; all of which is enough of a price to pay to keep our residents safe."

The Municipality of Argyle is asking the same as the Municipality of Barrington, the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, and the Town of Oxford to consider removing the application of the carbon tax on volunteer emergency service providers.

Sincerely,

Danny Muise
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