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Dear Deputy Minister Richards,

As the President of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), I am writing to seek your support for several critical resolutions adopted by our association at the 2024 Annual General Meeting & Convention in Smithers, British Columbia (BC). These resolutions are essential to enhancing the emergency management capabilities and resilience of our members:

R11 2024 Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) Capacity Funding: Advocating for long-term sustainable capacity funding for local governments to support their emergency management responsibilities.

R14 2024 Initial Attack Fire Crew Location: Requesting that the Province of BC maintain the Initial Fire Attack Crew Bases in their current locations and consult local governments and stakeholders before any relocation.

R25 2024 Host Community Reception Centre in Prince George BC: Requesting funding for a permanent Host Community Reception Centre in the City of Prince George.

L11 2024 Emergency and Disaster Management Act for Regional Districts: This resolution calls on the Province of BC to develop regulations under the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* in collaboration with representatives of each regional district, ensuring that emergency powers and responsibilities are designed in consideration of their unique needs and jurisdictions.

The increasing frequency and severity of wildfires and other emergencies underscore the need for well-resourced local emergency management programs. Local governments play a crucial role in protecting communities and responding to disasters, and require stable and predictable funding to effectively carry out these duties.

We are committed to working with EMBC to identify and address the specific needs of our members. A collaborative approach will help ensure that our communities are better prepared and more resilient in the face of future emergencies.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these resolutions in further detail and explore potential pathways for securing the necessary support. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Judy Greenaway
President
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cc: Regional District Chairs, MLAs, and MPs in NCLGA's operating area