

Suggested text for a response to Minister Lohr's letter to our Warden dated February 11, 2025.

Subject: Support for Reducing Inter-Provincial Trade Barriers and Increasing Resource Development

Dear Honourable Minister Lohr:

Thank you for your letter dated February 11, 2025. On behalf of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth (MODY), I want to express our support for your efforts to reduce inter-provincial trade barriers and promote responsible resource development in Nova Scotia. These initiatives are crucial pieces to strengthening our economy, creating jobs, and ensuring long-term prosperity for our communities.

As a coastal municipality with a long history of resource-based economics, we recognize the importance of a competitive and open economic environment that allows our local businesses to expand and access broader markets. Additionally, responsible resource development will provide sustainable economic growth while ensuring that environmental and community interests are respected.

The MODY also recognizes the necessity of upgrading key pieces infrastructure to enhance our region's investment readiness and reduce barriers to business entry. Our region has a port and an airport that require upgrades to foster economic growth and align with provincial objectives. For instance, enhancing the capacity and facilities at our commercial wharves is vital to support Atlantic Canada's largest fishing fleet and to attract new maritime businesses.

We appreciate your leadership on these issues and look forward to collaborating with the province about specific projects that will benefit all Nova Scotians. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there are opportunities for further engagement or discussion.

Sincerely,