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Nova Scotia Legislature

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Honourable Premier Tim Houston
Office of the Premier, Nova Scotia
7th Floor, One Government Place
1700 Granville Street
Halifax, NS
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Dear Honourable Premier Houston:

It has been 16 days since the devastating death of Allison Holthoff at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre. In follow up to my letter last week, I am attaching an expanded list of 16 actions to improve emergency health services in Cumberland County.

Health care, in particular emergency health services, has reached a critical point in our province. Every day, for the next 16 days, I will be highlighting one action to address this situation. I am urging you and all members of government to join in this conversation and more importantly – set about implementing these actions immediately. Every day that passes without meaningful change is one day too many.

I also want to draw attention to an [online petition](#) that includes this action plan, which has garnered more than 1,700 signatures as of noon today.

The provincial fiscal update released in December noted that expected revenue is projected to be \$14.0 billion, up \$1.3 billion from the budget estimate, due to increases in all key revenue sources, including corporate and personal taxes and HST. I am urging you to use the resources available to government to take swift action on this issue.

I would be pleased to meet and contribute to any plans regarding implementing these, or other actions, for our local community especially. I look forward to your response here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin'.

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin