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Premier Blaine Higgs Office of the Premier P. O. Box 6000 Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Dear Premier Higgs:

Thank you for your leadership during the global pandemic of COVID-19 coronavirus.

Cumberland County, Nova Scotia has done very well complying with the public health measures and as a result have had no known positive COVID-19 cases.

Cumberland County has enjoyed longstanding economic, family, cultural and social ties with Southern New Brunswick.

Would New Brunswick consider a Bubble Zone with Cumberland County?

I receive countless messages every day from citizens on both sides of the border asking questions and looking for ways to safely provide care for a family member, obtain feed for their farm animals, get vehicle maintenance completed, pick up a prescription from a pharmacy or numerous other requests.

Recently I have had numerous messages from residents who are citizens here in Cumberland but own or rent property in nearby NB. Having access to cottages and campers has become an important issue as summer approaches. Would you consider allowing these residents into NB if they guaranteed they would self-isolate once they arrived at their cottage or camper?

Thank you for this consideration. I know you are making decisions that you believe are in the best interests of your citizens.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

CC: Hon. Carl Urquhart; Megan Mitton