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Dear Premier Higgs and Premier King:

The COVID-19 coronavirus is deadly and my constituents of Cumberland North, Nova Scotia are grateful for your leadership during this global pandemic. We are truly in unprecedented times and we are all learning day to day as science and research unveils news data and information about the virus.

I am the elected representative of the people in Cumberland North (in Northern NS, bordering NB and PEI). I can relay that people are most concerned with public health & safety. The strict public health measures are being taken very seriously and thankfully, thus far; we are without any known positive cases of COVID-19 in Cumberland.

There have been significant economic hardships and I believe the time has come for us to look for strategies to SAFELY re-open our economy.

Cumberland shares longstanding economic, family, and cultural ties with Sackville and other New Brunswick border communities as well as with Prince Edward Island. We are proud of our management of the pandemic having no positive cases and look forward to re-opening our ties, possibly within a bubble zone with our neighbours.

This week I held a meeting in partnership with our local chamber of commerce and Regional Enterprise Network. We had 31 business owners participate in the virtual meeting.

Would you consider joining an Economic Maritime Taskforce for COVID-19 which will aid in interprovincial trade?

Cumberland County Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island could work together and consider a "bubble trade zone" since there have been no positive cases in Cumberland County.



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We must keep people safe as we explore ideas to re-open our economy during this global pandemic.

Thank you for considering my requests on behalf of businesses and citizens of Cumberland North, Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin