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Paul LaFleche, Deputy Minister of TIR
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Dear Paul:

It was wonderful seeing you yesterday. Thank you for coming to Cumberland and working with our municipal leaders and our Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee.

I was pleased to have an opportunity to speak with Mark Peachy and Peter Hackett regarding the set up at the NS Border yesterday.

As you are aware, NB has removed the border guards and checkpoint but for some reason NS has left this in place. I am receiving complaints from people, including medical staff, who believe they are being needlessly delayed from getting to work to see their patients. This past Sunday I received hundreds of complaints due to the traffic backed up in New Brunswick several km for a few hours.

As you are well aware, the patience of everyone is wearing thin in this border community especially when they see no value in the border measures. There are three entrances and two are wide open. This is similar to March - July of 2020 and it seems as though it is all for optics for the people in the rest of the province who have no idea what is really going on up here.

On behalf of the people living in our border community, I am requesting:

1. Opening of Exit 1 for the businesses of LaPlanche Street and Downtown Amherst, and
2. Removal of the border guards and barriers on the TCH at the entrance to our province. If you believe this is necessary, please remove it from Cumberland and place it at your Cobequid Pass toll booths.

Thank you for this consideration.

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

CC: Scott Farmer, Deputy Minister, Inclusive Economic Growth