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The Honourable David Eby
Premier of British Columbia
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The Honourable Bowinn Ma
Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
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The Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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Dear Premier Eby, Minister Ma, and Minister Heyman:

RE: EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT

At the Capital Regional District's (CRD) December 6, 2023, Emergency Management Committee meeting, the following motion was adopted:

"That staff urge the province to provide financial assistance to the CRD to develop the necessary plans and augment resources as required to meet the new regulations under the legislation and to phase in those requirements over time; and that staff request that the obligations of MOTI and Island Trust (on Salt Spring Island and the Southern Gulf Islands) and other agencies and organizations responsible for infrastructure in the capital region, be clarified in the legislation."

The CRD represents three electoral areas, which are typically more rural, remote, and sparsely populated than the more urban municipalities in the CRD. As such, geographic dimensions, population density, tax implications, workforce capacity, and logistical considerations are aspects that need to be thoroughly examined and measured before the CRD can adapt and ensure adherence to the suggested modifications to the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act (Act)*. As noted in the above resolution, the CRD respectfully requests:

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- That adequate time is allotted to the CRD to determine specific funding and capacity requirements to meet the new regulations under the *Act*.
- That once such requirements are determined, sufficient time, funding and supports are provided by the Province.
- That the obligations of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Island Health, BC Parks, Islands Trust (on Salt Spring Island and the Southern Gulf Islands) and other agencies and organizations responsible for infrastructure in the capital region, be clarified in the legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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cc: CRD Board
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