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Honourable Mike Farnworth  
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Dear Minister Farnworth,

As the President of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), I am writing to seek your support for several critical resolutions adopted by our association at the 2024 Annual General Meeting & Convention in Smithers, British Columbia (BC). These resolutions are essential to enhancing the emergency management capabilities and resilience of our members:

**R11 2024 Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) Capacity Funding:** This resolution calls for the Province of BC to provide long-term sustainable capacity funding to local governments to fulfill their emergency management duties under the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.

**R14 2024 Initial Attack Fire Crew Location:** This resolution urges the Province of BC to maintain the Initial Fire Attack Crew Bases in their current locations and not relocate them without significant local government and stakeholder consultation.

**R25 2024 Host Community Reception Centre in Prince George BC:** This resolution requests the Province of BC to fund a permanent Host Community Reception Centre in the City of Prince George.

**L11 2024 Emergency and Disaster Management Act for Regional Districts:** This resolution calls on the Province of BC to develop regulations under the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* in collaboration with representatives of each regional district, ensuring that emergency powers and responsibilities are designed in consideration of their unique needs and jurisdictions.

The current wildfire season has highlighted the urgent need for robust and sustainable emergency management capabilities at the local level. Our members are on the front lines of disaster response and require adequate resources to effectively manage and mitigate the impacts of emergencies. Your support and leadership are crucial in securing the necessary funding and ensuring that local governments have the resources they need to protect their communities.

We respectfully request a meeting to discuss these resolutions and explore potential pathways for collaboration. Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Sincerely,



Judy Greenaway  
President  
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cc: Regional District Chairs, MLAs, and MPs in NCLGA's operating area