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Sent:

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:33 PM

To:

Office of the Legislative Counsel; Tammy Martin; Cotter Oliver

Subject:

Boundary Review Commission

Re: Recommendation to revise Cape Breton Centre/ Whitney Pier

I understand that The Nova Scotia Provincial Election Boundaries Review Commission has recommended changes in the Cape Breton Centre riding that will greatly impact the residents of Reserve Mines.

I therefore ask that the Laws Amendments Committee postpone any recommendation to the Legislature until the Residents get the opportunity to appear before your Committee to give their reasons why this change should not be instituted .

Although the Commission made an appearance in Sydney, it was very low key and most of the general public was not aware of their visit.

It appears that the Boundaries Commission simply played the numbers game and did not give any consideration as to how Reserve Mines' interests would be represented in concerns common to Reserve Mines, Glace Bay and Dominion.

The former town of Dominion has been included into the Glace Bay riding while Whitney Pier area of the Sydney riding has replaced the Dominion area in Cape Breton Centre.

This just does not make sense. The community of Reserve Mines (along with Dominion) should have been should have been included in the Glace Bay rinding as well.

Residents of Reserve Mines go to middle and high school in Glace Bay.

Our hospital, Glace Bay General, is also there. Many residents attend churches there we shop there, . Our recreation and entertainment facilities, I.e. the Bayplex and Savoy Theatre are there.

Please give this request serious consideration

I apologize for the lateness of this request, but we just became aware of this Thursday and with the holiday weekend, it made it difficult to contact you earlier. It also became lost in the Federal Elections coverage.

We can have a Committee together in a few days to meet you in Halifax by next Monday.

Thank you for your consideration.

A speedy reply would be appreciated

Yours truly

COTTER. OLIVER

on behalf of the residents of residents of Reserve Mines

CC: Tammy Martin, MLA, Cape Breton Centre
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