## Voice of Support for tax relief for Business impacted by Fire

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Without Prejudice

To :

Danielle Barkhouse MLA Pam Lovelace, HRM Councillor

I would like to encourage the province to support necessary changes to the Halifax Charter to provide tax relief support to businesses that have been affected by the recent wildfires in Nova Scotia.

Businesses are continuing to try to climb their way out of the financial devastation caused by the pandemic. They are eminently finding ways to pay back CEBA loans to the Federal Government that were provided to stabilize our economy when we needed it the most.

Please consider this important item and make the necessary changes that MLAs will be considering regarding Bill 329 - Amendments to Halifax Charter. Please ensure changes are considered and made to include commercial property ta relief for businesses destroyed by fire.

Thank you in advance, and we hope your support as MLA will help ensure businesses continue to be able to operate - as they really are the fabric and underpin the essence of our community.

Paul Paruch