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Good morning. My name is Donna Hagen-Gillis and I am a resident of CBRM. I am disheartened with what my Provincial Govt is offering my community. We are the 2nd largest municipality in NS and much larger than the 3rd however we are lumped in with 47 small communities. Halifax is allowed their own MOU and receive a large amount even though they are a much richer community than CBRM. We are falling short every year and in need of a hero that will see our worth and our immense need. I pay $3660 a year currently in taxes to my municipality for sewer and garbage collection. The communities amalgamated many years ago yet I fall under the province for rd care. I have a small bungalow and my taxation is extreme for the 2 services I receive. We cannot endure another tax increase as Minister Lohr seems to think we can afford. He seems to have a real problem with CBRM on a personal level. In his position he shld be professional and care about all areas of N.S. this does not seem the case. Now I know my Council cannot agree all the time and may have not jumped on this as quickly as they shld. However as a constituent of NS (not just CBRM) I am ashamed to say my home is N.S. I am appealing to the Provincial Govt to not include CBRM in Bill 340 and to come to the table with a fair offer for the 2nd largest Municipality in N.S. allow Cape Breton residents to be happy with our council and province and to live with a little ease and not poverty. So many are suffering everywhere in Canada and I am asking my Provincial Govt to see us in CBRM, see our struggles and be our Hero.

Thank you