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Dear Members of the Law Amendments Committee.

I write to you as a former MLA for Antigonish, a past Minister of Municipal Affairs and member of the governments of Premiers John Hamm and Rodney Mac Donald. In that capacity I encountered many investors and would be investors who expressed frustration of having to deal with two levels of municipal government for a population of 20 000 people. As I look forward under the present governance arrangement in Antigonish Town and County I see the County as the area experiencing the greatest growth and in need of services and yet the town has the water supply needed to accommodate future growth. Without change both municipal units will require duplicate separate investment to accommodate future development.

I urge members of the committee to consider such issues in their decision making.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours, Hon Angus Tando MacIsaac