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To members of the Law Amendments Committee;

I am writing to provide my support for the consolidation of two municipal units – the Town of Antigonish and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish. Both councils recently voted for Consolidation of the municipal units on TWO separate occasions. We elected our councils to make decisions and we need to support them accordingly.

Antigonish Town and County have been considered one unit in many respects for many years by many of its residents. We enjoy sharing services, our medical facilities, our educational services and recreational services. There are no distinct boundaries we cross. Many residents of the town enjoy recreational facilities in the County and vice versa including summer residences along the County coastline. We are presently one community but with two separate governing bodies.

There is a positive energy in the area. Growth in the fringe area and throughout the County is very healthy. The introduction of EverWind's Green Hydrogen and Ammonia project provides the Antigonish area, as a bedroom community, with many more growth opportunities. We need to be well positioned to grow with this new industry. Consolidation will prepare us to better manage industrial and institutional growth into the future.

There has been some opposition along the way. However, for the most part, opposition was not against consolidation but questioned the process. In my conversations with residents, they overwhelmingly support consolidation but have not voiced their opinions unless asked. Their general comment when asked has been, "it needs to happen now. We are one community; it's time we're governed by one municipal unit."

We need to look to the future and do what is best for our children and grandchildren. Consolidation is forward thinking for generations to come. The Town and County of Antigonish needs one municipal council making decisions in the best interest of the whole community.

I support consolidation. We are one community; it's time we're governed as one municipal unit.

Thank you for your consideration and allowing me an opportunity to express my opinion.

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