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Re: Realignment of Government Departments

Dear Premier Iain Rankin,

Congratulations on your recent election as Premier of Nova Scotia. I want to further commend your government for the handling of the pandemic over the past year. Our local business community has weathered these uncertain times reasonably well; a credit to your government's leadership and decisive action.

As a representative of business in Truro and Colchester for 131 years, the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce has concern over your position to rename and realign a number of governmental departments for a variety of reasons. Our Chamber is the second largest in the province of Nova Scotia and has more than 450 members representing a wide variety of sectors.

First and foremost, in the midst of a pandemic and with many staff working from home, the transitions will create unnecessary distractions and chaos for departmental operations. As it sits, many members already find the service of government has been impeded by the pandemic. Adding a further unnecessary realignment of government services will only exacerbate the issue.

Secondly, to rename and restructure departments requires significant time and cost associated with rebranding, moving, alignment and adjusting to new roles and responsibilities. With an election less than a year away, it would seem inappropriate to radically shift departmental roles should a change in government occur.

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We would encourage your government to continue its great work guiding our region out of the pandemic while making informed decisions to allow the economy and business to recover. Should you desire to implement your vision for the province through the realignment of departments, we ask that efforts be introduced softly, bearing in mind the cost to taxpayers that these decisions afford.

Sincerely,

Sherry Martell
Executive Director
Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce

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