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Dear Ministers:

At a recent committee meeting, the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou had a presentation from the Northumberland Fisherman's

Association. The topic of the presentation and concern was the proposed effluent project at Northern Pulp's Granton Nova Scotia Plant.

The effluent project while in its development stage is generating a significant amount of public attention and concern. Northern Pulp and the fishery based in the Northumberland Strait are both vital industries to Pictou County and to the Nova Scotia Economy. We cannot jeopardise one or the other, but we must ensure that they both operate in compliance with regulations to ensure their sustainability.

The Northumberland Fishermen's Association asked the Municipal Council to support a full Environmental Assessment Report. The Municipal Council supports this position as we need to fully understand the impacts that the effluent project will have on our coastal areas. A full Environmental Assessment will allow for consultation and dialogue between stakeholders, and all levels of government to ensure success of these two industries.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By**

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