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The Honourable Kerry Morash Minister of Environment & Labour 5151 Terminal Road, 6th floor Halifax, HRM, N.S B3J-2T8

Dear Mr. Morash:

The Sackville Rivers Association (SRA) is dedicated to conservation,

preservation and enhancement of the Sackville River Watershed.

At a 2005 fall meeting held by HRM staff to discuss building a new sewer line from Sackville to Lively Subdivision in Upper Sackville, it was disclosed by staff that during peak rainfall events the main sanitary line running from Sackville to Mill Cove, Bedford becomes surcharged with storm water, resulting in raw sewage being discharged into the Little Sackville and Sackville Rivers. New development can only increase the volume of raw sewage into the existing system, adding to the amount of raw sewage discharged into the rivers. The SRA feels that any discharge of raw sewage into these watercourses is unacceptable at any time.

Therefore we request that The Department of Environment and Labour investigate this situation and if proven, issue a Ministerial Order to <u>halt</u> all development on the Sackville River Watershed that would increase the volume of raw sewage flow into the rivers.

Walter N. Regan

President

cc: Mayor Peter Kelly

Councillor Brad Johns, Chairman Northwest Community Council

Brad Anguish, HRM