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Honourable Geoff MacLellan  
Minister  
Department of Transportation and  
Infrastructure Renewal  
P.O. Box 186  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
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Dear Minister MacLellan:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. The UNSM Rural Caucus requested the UNSM Board raise with you the issue of the fare increases for a number of NS ferries. Of particular concern was the lack of information regarding the business case for the ferries and the rationale for a larger than proportionate increase in the ferry rates.

The Rural Caucus has raised this because their citizens have raised it with them. They are worried about the implications at the community level. They are unable to explain this issue to their citizens.

The UNSM Board supports the request to make the business case for ferries available and encourages you to share this information with them. Without the facts, it is difficult to find potential solutions or to understand the reasons for your decisions.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Warden Keith Hunter  
President, UNSM

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