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August 14, 2018

The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc  
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans  
and the Canadian Coast Guard  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, On  
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The Honourable James Gordon Carr  
Minister of Natural Resources  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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and

The Honourable Catherine McKenna  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
House of Commons  
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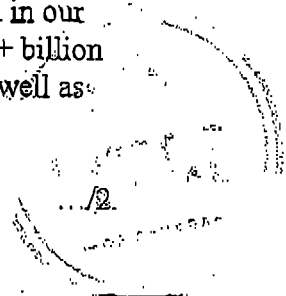
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Dear Ministers:

**RE: OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION**

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington, I am writing to express Council's concerns with respect to Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board's (CNSOPB) decision to allow oil and gas drilling by British Petroleum (BP) Canada approximately 300 kms off Halifax.

Although we recognize the potential economic benefits of oil and gas projects in Nova Scotia, we question whether the risks outweigh these benefits to our community. In light of the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, one of the largest marine oil spills in history, with its devastating impact on numerous communities, we feel that the Federal Government and CNSOPB should exercise due diligence to prevent a disaster of such nature to happen in our offshore. Such a disaster in our waters could have a disastrous consequence to our \$3+ billion fishing industry and thousands of associated jobs, marine species and ecosystems, as well as other industries such as tourism. Our entire wellbeing and way of life is at stake.



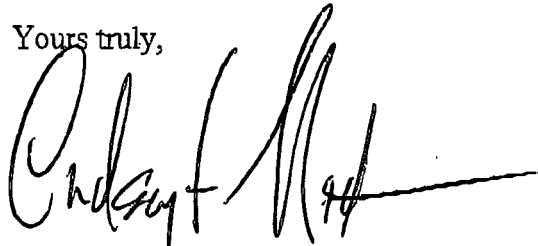
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Approximately a month ago, a report by BP of "unauthorized discharge" of drilling mud of approximately 136,000 litres illustrated the technical challenges of drilling in waters at significant depths.

Council does not profess to be experts in this field; however, in light of the above incident and others historically, and the fact that other oil and gas companies may be considering drilling operations in our waters, we are requesting that CNSOPB ensure proper measures are in place to mitigate such accidents.

Our residents are depending on you and your departments to give this issue your utmost consideration and review.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson  
Warden

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cc: Bernadette Jordan, MP - South Shore-St. Margarets  
Chris d'Entremont, MLA - Argyle-Barrington  
NS Municipalities  
Stuart Pinks, P.Eng., Chief Executive Officer - CNSOPB