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Dear Chair Jason Lum:

Thank you for your correspondence received on January 30th, 2024, addressed to The Honourable David Eby, Premier, and myself, concerning the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* (EDMA).

I have received questions and feedback from a range of local governments. In response to this need for information, I have sent a letter dated March 12th, 2024, to all mayors and regional district chairs across the Province that provides clarity on the most common concerns raised. We are also working to produce and publish helpful guidance on the EDMA (gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/local-gov-operations), and technical questions can be referred to your local regional office or to modernizeEM@gov.bc.ca

I am sincerely grateful to all of the local governments that provided a submission in response to engagement that took place from October 2023 through January 2024 on the modernization of regulations for local authorities and for disaster financial assistance. All feedback we have received from local governments will be considered as part of our work to develop regulations under the EDMA. There is also a five-year review of the Act that is mandated under the legislation.

I appreciate your offer to collaborate on the remaining stages of our work to modernize B.C.'s emergency management legislation. Ministry staff are in contact with UBCM staff to organize a working group to ensure local governments remain part of the conversation around regulations under the EDMA. I will ensure that Fraser Valley Regional District staff are given information about this group once details are available.

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Our web page dedicated to the legislation also includes some up-to-date information that you may find useful. You can find this page at gov.bc.ca/EmergencyManagementAct.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



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