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Subject: BCUC Smart Meter Fires -- A report

Dear Ms. Furstenau,

Next week you will receive a box containing 2 binders with a report and evidence gathered over the last 3 years, entitled "BCUC & Smart Meter Fires: The Failure to Protect". The report has been delivered to Premier Horgan's constituency office and mailed to Mr. Morton, CEO and Chair of BCUC. The covering letters are attached above.

I would ask that you and your staff give serious consideration to the incidents documented and to the failure of BC Hydro to take appropriate actions to ensure that the smart meters are safe. After 3 years of asking, I still have not received confirmation that this device was inspected and found safe by a professional engineer at BC Hydro. This alone speaks volumes to the failure to BC Hydro to exercise due diligence with regard this equipment which has been put on homes.

In addition, the report contains evidence that rules and regulations are being ignored, and that the Office of the Fire Commissioner is not reporting or tracking fires as intended. Neither are electrical fires being inspected according to the BC Safety Standards Act. With the information available to the officials, it is impossible for them to know that the smart meters are failing, burning and putting the lives and property of British Columbians at risk.

This is a matter that is of vital importance which the previous government caused and refused to acknowledge. The smart meter program, as you may know, is fraught with problems ranging from health (radiation being emitted), to security (data can be gathered and in many places is being shared and sold), to cybersecurity (many experts warn of accidents or attacks bringing down the grid via the smart meter), to costs (these meters have a 5-7 year life expectancy, benefits have never been sufficient to justify the costs). But safety is one problem that cannot and should be delayed or ignored any longer. The consequences are too great.

Ms. Furstenau, I know that you are as concerned as I about health and safety. I ask that you join with me in demanding that this program and these meters be recalled for the sake of all British Columbians.

I am happy to answer questions or to provide more information, should you ask.

Regards,
Sharon Noble