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Your Worship
Mayor Amy Martin
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Dear Mayor Martin,

Thank you for your letter relaying Norfolk County Council's request for a provincial review of legislation to address misuses of municipal accountability and transparency systems which have created financial burdens for your municipality.

Strengthening the municipal accountability framework is a priority for the government, which is why I introduced Bill 9, the *Municipal Accountability Act, 2025*, last year. Should Bill 9 pass, it would allow us to standardize municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner processes across the province.

Feedback from municipal stakeholders will help us ensure that municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner processes are an effective mechanism for all Ontario municipalities. Should Bill 9 pass, there may be opportunities for further discussion as we work to establish subsequent rules in regulations.

I also note you have concerns about the municipal freedom of information framework. I have copied my colleague, the Honourable Stephen Crawford, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement, whose Ministry oversees the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, for his awareness.

Thank you again for your letter, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

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