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Via Email: aline@crcvc.ca

Dear Ms. Vlasceanu (Aline),

Thank you for your letter dated April 24, 2020 regarding the devastating event that happened in Nova Scotia on April 18-19, 2020.

Nova Scotians – including the Province, municipalities, community organizations and citizens from one end of the province to the other – have come together to support survivors and communities effected by this tragedy. I am very proud to see Nova Scotians working together to wrap our arms around those who were impacted, and to ensure that their needs are met.

The Province of Nova Scotia has partnered with the Canadian Red Cross to create the Stronger Together Fund to provide support to the individuals, families and communities affected by the tragedy. The goal of the fund is to provide immediate direct financial payments to families, scholarships for the children left behind, and long-term emotional support to help those in need cope with loss. The Nova Scotia Government is covering all the administration costs associated with the fund, which means 100% of the donations will go to victim's families. As of Friday, May 8, over \$4.5 million had been raised.

The Government of Nova Scotia and other organizations are also providing mental health supports for adults, youth and children including <https://novascotia.ca/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

You may also wish to contact the local municipalities; we know, for example, that the Municipality of Colchester has been offering support to families to help with funeral expenses.

Our province is overcome with grief, but we will rise again, and we will be stronger together.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Furey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent than the last name "Furey".

Mark Furey