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Dear Mr Sabine:

I am writing to you in my capacity as president of the Isthmus Bay Property Owners Association (IBPOA). Our association represents the owners and families of approximately 100 properties in the Isthmus Bay area near Lions Head in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

The IBPOA wishes to go on record as opposing the new standards for Superior Shuttle Tank Service imposed by Fire Underwriters Services of Canada (FUS). As you are no doubt aware, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) strongly opposes the FUS changed criteria and has requested an immediate retraction of the new standard and a reinstatement of the old ISO standard. Additionally, the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office (OFMO) have voiced their objections. Our association agrees with the position of the O AFC, the CAFC and the OFMO. Local communities have gone to great expense to upgrade their fire service levels on the basis that the ISO standard was sound and a worthwhile safety achievement but these new criteria appear to be arbitrary and not within economic reach of most Ontario municipalities. And clearly there is significant disagreement from those who place our safety first and fight fires on a daily basis, our Fire Chiefs.

If there is solid science behind the new criteria then this needs to be brought forward to the O AFC and Ontario citizens need to be shown that our safety was being compromised under the old ISO standard. Failing that your position on this matter needs to be reconsidered.

Sincerely,

Mike Noble
President, IBPOA