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Norm Miller M.P.P.
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Dear Mr. Miller:

BILL 44: FAR NORTH REPEAL ACT

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Kenora, Rainy River

Thank you for contacting NOMA for feedback regarding your Private Members Public Bill to Repeal the Far North Act. The NOMA Board discussed your legislation at our meeting on March 9th.

NOMA does not support Bill 44, Far North Repeal Act, 2012 but neither do we support the Far North Act in its current form. We remain concerned that the process for developing the Far North Act has created a divisive and uncertain environment that is contrary to the intent of the legislation, which was to move forward with land use planning in the Far North. NOMA supports any effort to ensure that proper land use planning is undertaken in the north, by the north and for the north.

I trust that this provides clarity on NOMA's position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Ron Nelson

President

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