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The Honourable Stephen McNeil
Premier of Nova Scotia
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Dear Premier McNeil;

The Canadian Evaluation Society Nova Scotia (CES-NS) Chapter (<http://ns.evaluationcanada.ca/>) would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election to office. CES-NS is devoted to the promotion of evaluation as an evidence source for effective decision making in public policy and programs. We provide many professional development events each year to any Nova Scotian interested in learning about evaluation. Many of the participants in our events are employees of the provincial government.

I would also like to mention that there is a vibrant, emerging evaluation network within the provincial government, which has for many years come together to talk about evaluation and its place within government. Many of these provincial employees are members of the CES-NS Chapter. Recently, the network has approached CES-NS to partner on a professional development event showcasing the work of provincial government evaluators. As proponents of evaluation, we encourage you to tap into this valuable resource within your government.

On behalf of the CES-NS Board of Directors and our membership, we hope that you will encourage and support evaluation practice within government to support public policy decision making and better the lives of Nova Scotians.

Yours sincerely,

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