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Clerk of Committees Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 251 - 450 Broadway Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I would like to provide comments about Bill 10: The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Amendment Act.

The AMM supports additional tools to enforce the Fire Code and *The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act* (FPERA). The administrative penalties introduced in Bill 10 will help address non-compliance with an order issued under the Fire Code or the FPERA. Effective enforcement of both the Fire Code and the FPERA is important to ensure the safety of buildings and structures, and the people who use them.

The AMM would also like to emphasize the importance of communicating the changes in Bill 10 to all fire departments. As well, it is important that the Office of the Fire Commissioner work collaboratively with fire departments to fulfill fire safety inspection requirements.

The AMM appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Doug Dobrowolski

President

cc: Honourable Erna Braun, Minister of Labour and Immigration