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The Honourable Gord Wyant, E.C.S., Q.C., M.L.A.
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Dear Minister Wyant:

I write to you today regarding *Bill No. 23 — The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2020*.

As you know, this bill will be considered at the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice at tomorrow's meeting.

Recent developments in our province have made it clear the current penalties for violating public health orders are not providing sufficient deterrence, especially when it comes to organizing demonstrations in violation of your government's public health orders. As legislators, it is our duty to craft laws that ensure serious violations of the law will result in serious consequences. Demonstrations like the ones we have seen in Maple Creek, Regina, Prince Albert, and Saskatoon put us all at risk.

In order to ensure that sufficient penalties are in place to provide deterrence for organizing demonstrations that violate the public health orders, I intend on moving an amendment to add the following section to Bill 23 at tomorrow's meeting:

Organizing protest or demonstration contrary to public health order prohibited

- 24.7 (1) *No person shall organize a demonstration that fails to comply with the requirements of any current public health order relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency.*
(2) *Every person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$10,000.*

I trust that you will find this amendment agreeable and I look forward to discussing it with you and with members of the committee tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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