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Subject: Feedback on Bill 238, Emergency Management Modernization Act, 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Bill 238 – Emergency Management Modernization Act. We believe more clarity is needed in several areas to fully understand the impact of the proposed changes.

Specifically, we request further clarity on:

- Emergency Plans and Emergency Management Program Requirements:** When will the proposed provincial emergency management framework be made available, and will it incorporate feedback from municipalities? How will this framework ensure local flexibility in municipal emergency plans?
- Ontario Corps:** Will there be a mandate, or criteria established for making requests for accessing Ontario Corps; what are the cost implications for municipalities and the responsibilities for volunteers and municipalities?
- Critical Infrastructure:** How will the province determine if specified entities operating critical infrastructure are meeting the requirements, and will this information be made publicly available?

Additionally, we would like to better understand the timelines involved once the proposed changes are approved.

We appreciate your attention to these concerns.

Thank you,

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