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Honourable Mike Farnworth

Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General

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Victoria, BC

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Dear: Minister Farnworth

Re: Public Safety and Dangerous Dogs

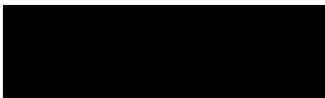
I have been receiving calls from constituents that have been attacked by dogs in their neighbourhoods. The dogs are attacking seniors, children, and other animals. Some constituents have required stitches, while others have had to go to the hospital and be put on antibiotics.

The constituents have called the Regional District and RCMP only to be told there is nothing they can do. They are being told that under section 49 of the Community Charter "**dangerous dog**" means a dog that (a) has killed or seriously injured a person, (b) has killed or seriously injured a domestic animal, while in a public place or while on private property, other than property owned or occupied by the person responsible for the dog, or (c) an animal control officer has reasonable grounds to believe is likely to kill or seriously injure a person.

Constituents have a right to feel safe in their neighbourhoods and are asking if someone has to die or be seriously injured before anything will be done.

I am asking for the safety of constituents, what options are there available to them before something seriously happens to one of them?

Best regards,



Coralee Oakes

MLA, Cariboo North

CC: MLA Mike Morris Shadow Minister Public Safety

CC: Cariboo Regional District