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Mayor Anne Krassilowsky, President  
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association  
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Dear Mayor Krassilowsky:

Our Association wants to inform you of our position on the "Common Voice" initiative that is being proposed by the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

At the recent Northwest Regional Conference in Thunder Bay, you made the statement that the NOMA group was including everyone in the process. You stated that included, "business, labour, aboriginals and municipalities" in the initiative to present a united front when dealing with the Province in matters that affect the north.

However, the two organized unincorporated associations that are formed in the NOMA area have never been invited to participate. The District of Kenora Unincorporated Area Ratepayers Association and the Thunder Bay Unincorporated Ratepayers Association that represent over 70,000 permanent and seasonal ratepayers believe that unless we are included in the discussions, **this initiative will be ineffective, since we plan on informing the Provincial Government of our non-inclusion in the process and will actively resist and discourage anything this "common voice" brings forward to the Province on behalf of "all" the residents and ratepayers of the northwestern portion of the Province.**

Until the unincorporated areas are invited to the table, we will continue to lobby the Province on the unwillingness of the NOMA organization to represent everyone.

Thankyou for your time.



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W.J. Blower, President