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Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue
105 Lower Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island BC V8K 2T1

Dear Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Firefighters of Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue for their courageous and valiant service during their deployment to the BC Wildfire crisis of 2017.

Many of you have departed your own homes to help save the homes and livelihoods of your fellow citizens of British Columbia, leaving your family and friends to fight wildfires that have been described to me as nothing less than menacing in magnitude.

I have heard stories of tremendous ordeals and suffering that you and your fellow platoons likely encountered directly and no doubt, found distressing. Your bravery is apparent in your willingness to face the worst wildfire season this province has on record, head on.

The Agriculture sector in British Columbia has a diverse range of commodities that depend on the infrastructure, crops, animals and people that enable the sector to prosper and thrive. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your exemplary service and every effort made by each firefighter to extinguish the fires that threatened and continue to threaten the viability of our industry.

Sincerely,

Lana Popham
Minister