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Mr. Carr;

I wanted follow-up on my prior correspondence regarding the ability of the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to the Wolfden Project in Northern Penobscot County.

As previously noted, the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office has limited resources in this area. This has been further impacted by the reduction of assistance, we receive from the Maine State Police. We have met with Wolfden, and Wolfden has committed to mitigating any burdens the project might impose on the need for additional law enforcement services in the area.

I understand Wolfden still has several regulatory hurdles to clear and it is likely the project would not be operational until 2026 at the earliest. In the meantime, we are committed to working with Wolfden to evaluate the additional law enforcement service needs that may arise from the addition of approximately 270 workers in the area, industrial traffic, and potential for increased routine calls for service.

This letter acknowledges our willingness to work with Wolfden to identify any increased law enforcement needs from the project and develop appropriate solutions for meeting those needs. A likely solution would include a contractual relationship, similar to what we provide to a number of communities seeking greater law enforcement attention.

At this moment it is premature to identify the specifics needs, but I am confident discussion between the Sheriff's Office and Wolfden could occur to address any concerns.

I hope that this is helpful to you, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sheriff Tray Morton

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