

Gordon D Hebb - Markeing Levy-Against

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Date: 27 April 2010 11:46 AM
Subject: Markeing Levy-Against
CC: <hebbgd@gov.ns.ca>

To Whom It May Concern,

as an operator of a small tourist property in Ingonish, Cape Breton, i am writing to notify you that i am against the proposed levy...even moreso now that the NDP has increased the HST in NS by an additonal 2% to make our province more expensive for tourists who can easily decide to spend their dollars elsewhere.

we need every competitive advantage that we can muster...not only are we face with increased provincial taxes, but a rising Canadian dollar to threaten our US tourist continuent. we certainly do not need another tax for tourists to complain about...enough already!

take care
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Maureen D Globe - CB room levy

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Date: 2010-04-28 11:54 AM
Subject: CB room levy
CC: <globemd@gov.ns.ca>

I own the Chanterelle Inn in Cape Breton. I am writing to object to the room levy now being proposed for Cape Breton for a number of reasons:

1. Bad timing. Along with the hike in HST, another 2% tax makes the burden on guests onerous at a time of austerity.
2. Unequal burden for collection. Accommodations are singled out to become the collection agents for the tax while other businesses that profit from tourism will not have to participate. If in fact this levy does become law, it is reasonable to assume that those who have to serve as collection agents (accommodation operators) should be able to charge a 10% fee from the government for doing so.
3. Incentive for visitors to go elsewhere. As if there were no other reasons for visitors to go to Europe, the US, etc. because of the strong Canadian dollar, an additional tax increases the dis-incentive to come to Cape Breton.
4. Parallel bureaucracies. It seems as if the organizational structure proposed for Destination Cape Breton mimics the Provincial Department of Tourism. Is this just for job creation up here or could the money be better spent?

If there would be any need to contact me, my phone number is 902-929-2263.

Thank you.

Earlene Busch

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Bill #10
Cape Breton Island Marketing Levy Act (amended)

CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE
LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE BY THE
MINISTER OF TOURISM, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

PAGE 1, paragraph 2(1)(a) - delete and substitute the following:

(a) striking out "Effective on and after April 1, 2006 each" in the first line
and substituting "Each";

PAGE 2, Clause 4 - delete.
