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I am writing to encourage Energy Minister Andrew Younger and the honourable members of the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly to put in place a solid moratorium law on Fracking so that our drinking water and home are protected from unconventional shale gas fracking.

We had opportunity to hear Economist Dr. Michael Bradfield give a talk in Pugwash recently about why his submission to the Wheeler Report was not included. It is very troubling to know that information on the potential income value of Fracking was not included. Dr. Bradfield was very articulate and convincing, showing us the lose/lose scenario for Nova Scotians if inland fracking were to go on here. These oil companies do not pay royalties in the first two years. There is a loop hole that permits them to get around paying royalties by applying for new leases. The total projected revenues from these royalties are a small fraction of what we bring in already through HST payments.

Nova Scotia needs a steady and reliable source of income. Boom-type projects that lead to bust and leave behind expensive damages and setbacks are not wanted here.

Surveys consistently show that more Nova Scotians value their drinking water over potential profits. Packed rooms across this province during the Wheeler Commission tour demonstrated this. People are holding meetings across the province now to talk about a Greener Economy where good jobs are being created in other countries focused on renewable energy.

Please hold firm on the Fracking moratorium and keep out speculative shale gas explorations and development.

Thanks

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