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Subject: Law Amendments Committee Bill 6

Dear Mr. Hebb:

It is my understanding that the committee is today discussing the merits of bill 6 regarding fracking in Nova Scotia. I believe that this bill is moving our province in a wrong direction and will further erode the economic potential of our province. As a province we have placed too many restrictions on potential business and economic possibilities that now we find ourselves in the position whereby many of our young people have to move away to find gainful employment. Many of them are finding work in jurisdictions who allow fracking, with the proper controls, with the result that their economies are growing while ours is shrinking.

Recently we had the benefit of the Ivany report on our current state and what needed to happen to pull us out of the rut created by past inaction and over regulations. It seems that our politicians have not heard the message and instead have decided to bury their heads in the sand and pretend that all is well. Rather than looking for ways to maintain the status quo, our legislators need to step outside the box and look for ways to tap the potential that lies within our province. Saying no to any and all innovations is not the way to build a stronger and more vibrant economy.

Also there is a moral dilemma here - Our current government is saying no the fracking regardless of the science involved and yet is more than willing to allow Nova Scotians to access the resources from other jurisdictions that are made available through the results of fracking. It is time for our politicians and in fact all Nova Scotians to emerge from our shells and become part of the real world. Saying no to fracking on an emotional basis while ignoring the science is not the way to go.

Sincerely

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