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**To:** Office; Premier  
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Dear Sirs/Madams

I am writing with respect to the upcoming vote on Bill No.6, considered by many to be a vote against the development of onshore Oil and Gas in Nova Scotia. Although I am a relative newcomer to the Oil and Gas Industry, I have been involved in the Natural Resource industry since graduating from an Atlantic Canadian University almost 25 years ago. I have watched as the Forestry Industry in Atlantic Canada all but disappeared. I have watched as the outmigration of young talent (and not so young talent) has continued to increase.

I am concerned about Bill No. 6 and the vote against high volume hydraulic fracturing as a tool to develop onshore oil and gas for three reasons:

1. I am a father of two University aged children. If there is any hope that they return to Nova Scotia, or Atlantic Canada for that matter, then we need a robust economy so they have a place to return to.
2. I am a member of the oil and gas industry. An industry that has responsibly managed resources for many years, and has done it with a safety and environment record that outshines many other industries
3. I am a tax payer in Nova Scotia and I am seeing more and more of my earnings be clawed away to the provincial coffers to pay to keep the province afloat

Bill No. 6 does not support the development of the oil and gas industry in Nova Scotia. It actually is seen by industry as a blocker to responsible development and investment. Bill No. 6 will deter current and future investment in onshore oil and gas exploration. Companies see this legislation as a vote against development and will seek other, more investment friendly jurisdictions, in which to operate.

I would argue that legislation banning high volume hydraulic fracturing in Nova Scotia is like "swatting a fly with a Mac Truck". A progressive government, one who has the courage to lead, would consult industry and other jurisdictions to develop responsible regulations, that provide a framework within which Industry can operate. We are not re-creating the wheel in Nova Scotia. There are many jurisdictions where the responsible management of onshore oil and gas is carried out using high volume hydraulic fracturing. In fact, a recent statistic states that, "15 million Americans live within 1 mile of a fracked oil and gas well". Facts do not lie. Let's use well developed regulation and allow responsible companies to use state of the art technologies to employ Nova Scotians and grow an industry that will see our province prosper.

In a recent speech, Frank McKenna said, "The bottom line is that we cannot allow public policy to be decided by the biggest blowhard. We need facts, good communication and leadership." He went on to say, "Good governments do not allow mob rule. They seize control of the agenda, they communicate, they make decisions and they lead."

I agree with Mr. McKenna. I challenge our elected politicians in Nova Scotia to have the courage to lead. Legislation that places a moratorium on high volume hydraulic fracturing is not leading. It is passing the buck to the next guy to figure out how to lead Nova Scotia out of the financial hole in which we find ourselves. Use the facts to develop solid regulation that facilitates the responsible development of our natural resources, before it is too late and my children end up living in Alberta, or Newfoundland, or BC, or Saskatchewan.

Thank You  
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