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Hon. Tony Ince
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It is with regret that we note the current Liberal government's intention to dilute the provisions of the Heritage Property Act. The historic architectural buildings are fast being reduced to rubble and replaced with glass and concrete monstrosities. It does the government no credit to be pursuing a course in which it becomes easier to demolish the built Heritage of Nova Scotia. The example of Prague in Europe and Quebec City in Canada, who have preserved the historic built cores deserve emulation and the departure from the principles that motivate them to preserve their historic architectural buildings should followed. Indeed the Heritage Property Act should be strengthened not weakened in order to maintain the streetscapes of Nova Scotia and preserve the character of cities and towns.

As former owners of Caldwell Hill House, which our son now occupies with his family, a historic building constructed for the first elected mayor of Halifax, on which we spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in exterior and interior improvements with negligible help from government, it is with distaste and concern we note the direction of current Liberal government policies. It is not for this type of legislation and activity that we voted the government in. The current policies which favour demolition and development of our buildings reflect poorly on the government. Had we wished to live in a concrete jungle we could have very easily relocated to Manhattan.

It is a shortsighted tax grab in the interest of the economy, to engage in the course of conduct you now pursue. The Federal Liberal government much vaunted policy that we can do better fails at the hands of their provincial Liberal counterparts. Indeed, on the whole, the current provincial Liberal government policies leave much to be desired.

We trust you will reconsider the amendments you contemplate and instead replace the provisions with more stringent ones.

Yours sincerely,

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