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Subject: Bill 118

Dear Minister of ...Heritage, Chair and Members of the Law Amendments Committee, and my MLA, I am writing from London, UK, where heritage is appreciated, a far cry from Nova Scotia where Bill 118 aims to undermine protections for heritage properties, thereby jeopardising once again, and probably more seriously than ever, what is left of the structures and vistas of our historical birthright. As a professional historian, I find it inconceivable that our past is being squandered to satisfy the greed of developers. Government is supposed to be acting in the interests of all the people, not just those of a few selfish investors who acquire properties, let them run down and then cry poor when their maintenance requires expenditure. In the few genuine cases of need, the government should be stepping in to enable owners to preserve heritage properties.

I respectfully request that the Legislature demonstrate leadership, show a sense of proportion and protect the things that matter as part of our identity.

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