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Subject: Presentation to Law Amendments Committee Regarding Bill No. 136 (Max Rastelli, Owner)

As a small business owner and entrepreneur, I'd like to make a few comments regarding Bill 136, which would authorize & regulate self-balancing personal transporters like the Segway PT.

As most of us know, the Ivany Report identified Tourism; it's importance and it's role in our economy. This Bill is one example of how government is creating policies and reducing red tape to work towards meeting the very challenging goal of doubling tourism revenue to \$4B by 2024.

We look forward to helping with that challenge, and creating new jobs.

There are already a number of other businesses and entrepreneurs that have approached us, and are interested in using innovative, eco-friendly technologies like Segways to create new tourism and business opportunities right across Nova Scotia.

What many may not appreciate, is the research and effort it took Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal, to get us to this point.

TIR was presented with safety studies, sample legislation, and regulations from all over the world - collected over the last 12-14 years.

Please believe me when I say THEY DID THEIR HOMEWORK. This is why it took 4 years.

Safety was always, and continues to be the top priority.

Outside of Tourism, and as a new alternative, eco-friendly mode of transportation, Segways are not about being less active.

Segways and personal transporters are about being more productive and reducing short car trips.

They are about helping some with certain mobility issues get around.

They are about reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

There are also commercial applications like community policing and security.

The list goes on and on.

I know Segways are safe.

I know there are many examples from countries all over the world that support this.

I know it may take time to educate and convince the skeptics.

I know change is difficult, but I believe we must embrace change. Change is OK.

I also know we, as a Province, need to be innovative to grow.

Finally, I know we can safely "share the sidewalks" & "share the road" with other users of these spaces; and in some very small way - make Nova Scotia an even better place to live, work and play.

Thank You.