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Dear Law Amendments Committee Members,

I have been shocked by the recent demolition of so many heritage buildings in Halifax and Nova Scotia. I would like to add my voice to those who are requesting changes be made to Bill 177- to Amend the HRM City Charter and the Municipal Government Act to protect streetscapes and public spaces and to Amend the Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter to allow the HRM Municipal government to take charge of the issuance of demolition permits and enforce stricter control of needless demolition permits and immediately develop policy around criteria and rules whereby the city would either permit or deny demolition of existing built properties. No new demolition permits should not be issued until these suggested policies and rules are put in place.

My mother recently visited from outside of the province and she said, "But those houses and properties are what people come to Halifax and Nova Scotia to see." She does not visit that often and yet she felt so deeply moved and disturbed when she saw the stories on the t.v. and in the newspaper and drove by the Cleveland House and some of the other demolitions of historical buildings in town.

I am not anti-development and am actually friends with some developers in Halifax, but I am pro-heritage and history and am tired of some of the seemingly heartless developers running the demolition and development of our city instead of the citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cathy Driscoll