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Hello,

I write to express my opinion on bill 213 in case I am unable to testify in person. I will say simply and clearly that the emission reduction goals described in the act are **WHOLLY AND COMPLETELY INADEQUATE**. We must move to net-zero emissions at a much faster pace. Further, I challenge the honesty of the carbon emissions accounting which serves as the basis for establishing the present proposed targets. Specifically, using 2004 as the accounting baseline for NS co2e emissions not only falsifies NS accounting data but does not align with standard international protocol where 1990 emissions are used as the accepted baseline.

By using 2004 data the NS government gifts itself with a 4MG credit which falsely suggests more significant ghg reductions than have actually occurred. Other misleading falsehoods in the accounting procedure include failure to include bio fuel and wood heat emissions in the tallys.

It is also misleading to suggest that govt. management has achieved the co2e reductions claimed.

In fact, the bulk of NS reductions have been caused by circumstance, not management. The forest devastation caused by Juan established an exaggerated baseline; economic downturn closed two pulp mills which were both major co2e emitters. These circumstances account for most of the co2e reductions previously claimed.

Climate Change is not an issue that can be managed by "fluff" and "spin" as has been the normal approach to environmental issues by this government. Bill 213 is just another example. We need a substantive change of government attitude. We need a binding commitment to UN co2e reduction targets.

Sincerely,
Kip McCurdy