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Unfortunately, I do not have time to attend tomorrow's meeting, but as a concerned citizen, I feel that it is my duty to speak out.

I am glad that the province is putting forward a bill of this nature, and that climate change is identified as an emergency. However, I am very concerned that the greenhouse gas reduction goals are not strong enough and most importantly that compliance with the dictates of the law will be judged by Cabinet and reported to the legislature not in a more transparent fashion. The bill provides no mechanism for reaching the goals. Apparently another bill will be tabled in a year's time that will provide these mechanisms. The world's scientists (of which I am one) know that we have little time to turn around the greenhouse gas problem. Every year's delay during which environmental practices continue as usual brings us nearer the precipice. We need to stop the devastation of our forests, reduce and eliminate the use of coal and fossil fuels and continue to enhance the use of renewable sources of electricity. We have made progress, but business as usual for another year until we get our goals and mechanisms in order is not an option.

Finally, Nova Scotia has seen too many cases in which laws were passed and not obeyed by the government (Species at Risk). We have seen laws gutted when they didn't suit the government (Natural Resources Strategy). We have seen the government ignore the dictates of the courts when conflicts of interest have been indicated. This behaviour makes the public sceptical as to whether a bill with such weak language will actually be worth the paper it is printed on.

Take home messages from my email:

Strengthen the emission targets

Stop the environmental devastation occurring in our forestry industry Broaden the cap and trade program to allow small businesses and wood lot owners to benefit from carbon credits.

Thank you for considering these points!

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