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Please accept my submission for the Law Amendments Hearing for Bill 213 below (and attached). I had hoped to deliver it to the House in person, but I understand all the speaking times are taken up today. I hope additional days will be added to hear from members of the community on this important bill. Thank you.

Dear Premier McNeil and Members of the NS Legislature,

I don't wish to debate the science on climate change with you. I think it's pretty clear. The Ecology Action Centre has done a good job outlining the shortcomings of Bill 213 and what the government needs to do to make it stronger. The NDP has also raised some important concerns.

Criticisms notwithstanding, I'd like acknowledge that you've taken an important first step here. And I thank you for your efforts. But I'm asking you to further.

Like many of you, I'm a parent. I've thought about what I would do to save my child from harm. I'm sure you have too. If a bear were rushing toward my child, I wouldn't run for cover and leave him there. And I wouldn't try half measures to save his life, or take my time with his rescue, leaving no margin for error. I'd give it everything I've got—and then some.

That's what I'm asking of you.

My question for you is, What would it take for you to be brave? For you to be *real* leaders on climate change? I'm not talking about just being better than the province next door. I mean being a true leader, one who's willing to do everything in their power to tackle climate change.

You have an opportunity to be heroes. You have an opportunity to forgo politics as usual and to join forces with Nova Scotians who want to preserve this amazing province and do right by the world and future generations. You have an opportunity to have leave a legacy that recognizes you were on the right side of history and maybe even set an example for others to follow.

But to do that, you're going to need to be brave. You're going to have to step out of your comfort zones and drop the narratives you fall back on that keep you stuck in a limited world view. You're going to have to *really* listen to people, not just pretend to listen and then do what you had planned to anyway.

If you find it in you to be brave, I for one will be back to cheer you on and thank you. I imagine many of the people who've come out to the legislature for the hearing on Bill 213 would do the same.

I believe you have it in you.

Thank you,

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