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I am an outdoor enthusiast and an employee with Nsha. Exploring nature in a respectful way is a big part of who I am. It contributes to all levels of my health as it does many others. This bill 4 is unethical in many ways. The bill is not clear and it is not empowering and educating citizens to respect land. Many citizens are seeking out nature to reduce stress and become healthier more so in the last year due to the impact of covid on their mental health. They might not be thinking about biodiversity as much as they should be at this time. Educational signs, advertising, and creating more fines around protecting our land would be ideal. However passing this bill will only put fear in members of Nova Scotia. This will impact Nova Scotians mental health to a higher degree thus impacting our healthcare system. Bill 4 is not ethical or supportive. I am asking that bill 4 be fully rejected even with the new amendments that they proposing ( removing emergency orders).

Sincerely

Sarah witherell