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Subject: Proposed Non Resident Property

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Mr. Bain

My wife and I are Alberta residents.

We purchased a home within your riding, in Inlet Baddeck, in 2011. It was a house that had been listed on the market for many months and ours was the only offer.

Since our purchase, we have ensured that we purchase all goods and services locally. We support local businesses, artists, musicians, organizations and charities. We bring friends from other parts of Canada and the USA each year to experience the beauty and culture of Cape Breton.

Your government's proposed punitive tax on non resident owners is grossly unfair in that you know that none of us can vote your party out of office in the next election. However, what we can and will do, is withdraw our support of all local businesses, artists, musicians, organizations and charities - those who do vote for your party. Further, we will no longer be inviting our friends to Cape Breton.

This proposed tax on non-residents will do nothing to solve its stated intention – to solve the plight of first-time house owners. Furthermore, in our view this is primarily a HRM issue not one in rural Cape Breton.

We are also not beneficiaries of any massive increase in Nova Scotia property values. The assessed value of our house when we purchased it 11 years ago was \$358K. It is now \$435K an increase of \$77K, an amount which does not even cover the addition of a \$50K garage and a \$30K bathroom renovation - both done with all materials and services purchased in Baddeck.

With the large number of seasonal residents in your consistency who are located around Baddeck and other areas we would have expected that you would be sensitive to this issue. Perhaps your new role of speaker is taking too much of your attention away from the needs of the communities within your constituency?

We are fortunate to have many resident neighbours who are also dismayed with this proposed new tax and the message it sends to non-residents who contribute so much to the community. We understand that several have already been in touch with you.

Regards

Terry and Beth Hughes
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Inlet Baddeck

