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Sent: April 11, 2022 2:33 PM
To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
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Subject: Pertaining to Non Resident Property Tax or Bill 149 - Financial Measures Act (2022).

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Members of the Law Amendments Committee,

I and my two retired sisters own an inherited cottage in Northport, on the Northumberland Strait. It has been in our family for decades. Last year we paid \$2,093. in property taxes. If the proposed 2% Non Resident Tax had been in effect last year our taxes would have been \$5,733. an increase of \$3,640..

Our cottage is not winterized and would require proper heat, insulated flooring and water pipes and a proper road / lane in. In other words it's unsuitable for residential habitation so it would do absolutely nothing to alleviate Nova Scotia's (Halifax's) housing problems.

What this proposed tax does is discriminate our cottage ownership as opposed to residents of Nova Scotia that also owns a cottage such as ours. So I'll be a setting of cottages where some just pay the regular income tax and others, like us, are burdened with an unfair, discriminatory, nearly tripled property tax. I would hope the decision to exclude current residents from this stifling tax isn't based on multiple properties owned by members of the provincial Legislature or by a political calculation that non Nova Scotia residents lack of voting weight vs residents that could vote the current majority out of office. To us it represents nothing more that a tax grab based on flimsy reasoning..

To cut to the chase I consider this bill to be unfair, discriminatory and should be tabled so that a proper, fair and just solution can be found for the housing problem. I was born in Springhill and will be buried there at the Hillside cemetery to join my parents, grandparents, etc. unless you decide to put an unfair, out of province, death tax on the family plot too.

Sincerely,
David W. Pippy
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Native Son of Nova Scotia