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Subject: Non-resident real estate tax

Dear Premier, Deputy Premier, MLA Barkhouse & Councillor Wells,

I am writing to express my disappointment with the proposed non-resident real estate tax. As a long time Canadian/Nova Scotian and most importantly, a 75 year property owner in Chester, NS, I feel the tax is an unwarranted attack on foreign owners, be they Canadian, American or from anywhere else in the world. A significant percentage of the aforementioned are long time friends of mine who have made significant contributions to the Chester community be it by way of the purchase of goods and services or donations to local causes such as Bonnie Lee Farm, OHC Health Centre, the Chester Playhouse, the Chester Arts Centre to name a few.

Appreciating the governments ever increasing need to cover the costs to cover all its areas of responsibility, perhaps the fact that tourism is no doubt the principal driver for our economic prosperity has been overlooked. I also suggest that you conduct a review of those properties on the coast that are owned by NS residents versus those owned by non-residents. I believe the majority of owners in my community are year round residents.

I encourage all of you to rethink this draconian piece of legislation.

Paul J. Dyer
Proud Canadian, Nova Scotian, Chesterite and friend to non-resident property owners

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