

[REDACTED]

From: Sherry Kane [REDACTED]
Sent: April 12, 2022 12:28 PM
To: Office of the Legislative Counsel; letters@heareald.ca; susancorkumgreekmla@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: NEW TAX PROPOSAL

**** EXTERNAL EMAIL / COURRIEL EXTERNE ****

Exercice caution when opening attachments or clicking on links / Faites preuve de prudence si vous ouvrez une pièce jointe ou cliquez sur un lien

FYI. I was just given your addresses. Please carefully read my note and those of others who are impacted by: NOVA SCOTIA BUDGET 2022 and Bill No. 149mFinancial Measures (2022) - Non-Resident Deed Transfer and Property Tax Proposals

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sherry Kane [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 9:05 AM
Subject: NEW TAX PROPOSAL
To: <premier@novascotia.ca>, <financeminister@novascotia.ca>
CC: <Dbarkhouse@chester.ca>

We are willing to try and understand the tax proposal but it is like a SLEDGEHAMMER. It is excessive and poorly aimed.

We are born and bred Nova Scotians with family in Halifax, Yarmouth, St. Margaret's Bay and Musquodoboit. We grew up in Halifax and have owned a property in the Village of Chester for 15 years to which we return every summer to visit our family and friends. The place is not on the water and was considered a tear down at the time of purchase. Contractors in the Village have benefited every year as we make both small and large improvements.

This excessive tax will make us UNABLE to keep our home. What a message this sends to former Nova Scotians who have ties and love for the province. It is tasting a little sour right now.

We pay our taxes, contribute to the community, restaurants, volunteer on boards to keep Chester and the near by towns vibrant, and do not use the health or educational services.

We have read many letters and news articles on this matter. The tax hurts the rural communities in a lame attempt to appease a problem in Halifax. Shame on you! The best recommendation we have read suggests, if anything should be done, you should allow the local counties to additionally tax non-residents and totally eliminate the entire proposal announced! This way the money goes to the local towns and villages where it belongs. Regardless, the amount has to be substantially reduced or part-time residents will flee Nova Scotia.

Bob and Sherry Kane
[REDACTED] Chester NS