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Subject: FW: Bill #149 Financial Measures (2022) Act - Non -Resident Deed Transfer and Property Tax Proposals
Attachments: Proposal for increased property tax rate for Nova Scotia non-resident property owners.

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Members of the House:

We attach for you today our views on the Proposal for an increased property tax for non-resident property owners in Nova Scotia.

We have read and concur with the eloquent points made by both George Cooper and Kevin Lynch, and many others who have shared their concerns for the consequences near and far reaching this tax will have on our beloved Province. We are born in Nova Scotia, permanent residents of this Province, and have chosen to live and work here over the years. We are deeply concerned that many advantages the Province enjoys by virtue of non-resident ownership will be lost in a hasty approval of a tax Bill that has so many negative consequences.

Respectfully,

Lois and David Mann

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Subject: Proposal for increased property tax rate for Nova Scotia non-resident property owners.

Mr. Premier,
Mr. Finance Minister,
Ms. Barkhouse:

It is quite beyond any rationale that the Government of Nova Scotia would want to penalize non-resident property owners through this hastily proposed \$2.00 per \$100.00 tax rate. It is punitive, inequitable and particularly out of scale. It would represent the largest tax increase ever levied for communities in Nova Scotia.

The timing of this proposed tax takes no account of current fiscal conditions: inflation is higher than it has been since the 1980's, interest rates are rising and there are signs of a possible recession.

Have you considered that non-resident property owners contribute significantly to Nova Scotia and its municipalities? They pay taxes, employ local workers, pay for their goods and services, support churches, arts and culture organizations, are generous charitable donors and they give of their time and talent as volunteers in many ways that benefit their communities. Many of these property owners have generations long property ownership, have been born and grown up in Nova Scotia, have studied at one of Nova Scotia's many Universities, and some have extended their connections by buying more property in Nova Scotia as a continuation of the family connection for their children and grand-children. Indeed, non-resident property owners are the very un-paid good will ambassadors who generate enthusiasm for the life style of the province by enticing others to visit and then acquire properties here. Surely this is a priceless advantage every province would want to sustain. One might ask why Nova Scotia would want to gouge these contributors, especially as they are not a financial burden to health care, education or extended care costs of the Province?

We urge you to abandon this proposal. It is not worthy of this Government to penalize non-resident, non-voting property owners in this way. Many jobs and organizations will be impacted if these home owners leave the province, or others are discouraged from coming.

Take the time to continue your research, calculate the many negative consequences, discuss ideas with municipal leaders, businesses, and non-resident owners, and then achieve your goal and develop solutions and measures less punitive, more in scale and equitable.

Respectfully,

David and Lois Mann