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Please circulate my letter about the tax levies on non-residents outlined in Bill 149 to the members of the Law Amendments Committee. Thank you

Tessa Mudford

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter to voice my concerns about the new tax levies on non-resident properties that have been proposed by the Nova Scotia government.

I know that people have already written extensively about the economic and social problems with these taxes. I wanted to write from a more personal perspective.

My parents are dual citizen Canadian/Americans. My mother grew up in Nova Scotia and we still have family and close friends there. We used to visit every year when I was young. I took swimming lessons at the Waeg. Did summer camps at Neptune. Took sailing lessons in Chester. Because of our ties to Nova Scotia, I decided to attend Dalhousie when I went to university. By that time, my parents owned a charming home in Chester, where they planned to spend a good portion of each year after they retired.

For myself, I envisioned having a wedding there at some point in my life (hopefully). I planned to vacation there with my own family one day, and a long time in the future, inherit it from my parents. We are the sixth family to own this 210-year-old house, and it brings tears to my eyes to think we will be forced to give it up. In my head, I could already see my children swimming in the Lido and, maybe, sailing an Opti, or playing tennis on the local courts.

It was so unthinkable that this home would not be ours forever that, when I wanted a tattoo that represented my connection to Nova Scotia, I chose the longitude and latitude of our beautiful house.

But even with all of these dreams, I cannot ask my parents to bear the cost of an additional \$18k every year until they are gone. Nor can I imagine being able to afford that myself afterward. So this is what these taxes are costing me – not so much money, but the dreams of my future.

Yours sincerely,

Tessa Mudford