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Subject: Fwd: Proposed Tax Bill for Non Residents

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Date: April 5, 2022 at 7:28:39 PM CDT
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Subject: Proposed Tax Bill for Non Residents

Dear Honourable Tim Houston, Mr. Allan MacMaster and Ms. Susan Corkum-Greek,

I'm very upset and scared about the implications of the new tax bill that has been proposed.

I was born in New Brunswick, lived in Truro for several years and then New Glasgow. After attending University in Halifax, I sadly found that there were very very few teaching jobs in the Province and if I wanted to teach I would have to move away from my family and home. It wasn't a total shock as it was common in those days for young people to go West for employment. It was well known that Maritimes left the Province to find work but would always try to find their way back home.

Ever since I started working I began to save money for a cottage in Nova Scotia. It was where I wanted to spend my summers!!! My husband, although a Praire Boy, fell in love with the East Coast, And we spent our holidays in Northport every summer with our children. Eight years ago, we were able to purchase a piece of land in Northport and we had our "Beach House" built. It was a dream come true!! Now that we're retired we spend 4-6 months in Nova Scotia, spending time with my family and our friends and supporting the local economy.

Northport was the beach where we spent all our summers growing up with our grandparents. The same friends that I hung out with as a child are still on that same beach although many live in different Provinces or in the US. We all head to the place that makes our hearts sing every

summer!! Almost everyone has rebuilt or built new, using local builders and local Hardware stores. There are also many avid golfers on our beach that support the local golf courses. We add a lot to the local economy!

My children and grandchildren also love Nova Scotia and have already booked flights for this summer. They hope that one day they can spend their retired days at the beach in NS, like we do.

We were just having discussions a few weeks ago with other family and friends about how concerned we were about increases in our taxes.....and this was BEFORE finding out about the proposed increases! We already pay more than Nova Scotia residents, but these new increases would be unaffordable for many of us! It feels like a slap in the face and that I'm not welcome in my home province.

On our beach there are 20 cottages and at least 8 of those owners are from out of Province. Many are related, unable to live in the Province but choose to spend the summers there with family and friends. So is the intent to get some of these owners to sell to make more available for residents??? There must be a better way to accomplish your goals than by turning away Maritimers that want to be there and support your economy. Please reconsider this Bill!!!

Sincerely,
Dawn Bryan and Roger Brunet

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