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Dear Ms. Barkhouse, MLA for Chester-St. Margaret's,

I'm forwarding this letter to Premier Houston and copying your colleagues at the request of its author, John W. Wurts, Jr.

I have known five generations of the Wurts family in Chester. They've made a huge impact on the community, and have mentored many local youth in the skill and art of sailing. With two years away due to COVID, I know Johnny, at 85, is hoping to be racing again this summer.

As a strong advocate for social justice who yearns for positive movement on the housing crisis, I am of two minds wrt this bill. I am sincerely hoping our government can find a solution that does not force people to sell their houses because of a drastic tax increase. Least of all, a thoughtful man with a big heart like Johnny.

Warm regards,

Julia Creighton
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Chester, NS

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Hayseed IV & Virginia



Elizabeth Wister Wurts



My Boathouse



John Wister Wurts



John Wister Wurts jr



My tiny motor boat



Christopher Wurts

John W. Wurts Jr

Oak Ridge TN

and Chester, NS

April 12, 2022

*The Honorable Tim Houston
Premier of Nova Scotia
premier@novascotia.ca*

Dear Sir,

My grandmother, Elizabeth Wister Wurts, came to Chester N.S. sometime in the late 1800s. You can read about her in "Sailers & Rattling Teacups, a history of the Chester Yacht Club" by Claudette Sapp. Grandmother Wurts gave a yacht named Hayseed IV to her sons, some time in the 1920s. You can read about the boat's history in "First in Its Class, The story of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron" by Nancie Erhard and in Claudette Sapp's book. You will find the boat's name skippered by members of my family, covering three generations on the Prince of Wales Cup and many others. In fact for over four generations my family has spent its summer vacations in Chester. The heading of this letter contains a picture of the Hayseed IV I was hoping to continue to sail/race; of the little house I built for retirement years; and of the tiny motor boat I planned to cruise around Mahone Bay.

I spent my summer vacations in Chester until I started a family in the 1960's. My sailing teacher was Herby Rafuse, and my cruising mentor was Almon Boutilier, both prominent names in Chester. More than half of my close friends come from Nova Scotia or are summer residents. When I retired, I returned to spend at least four months each year in Chester and brought both my children with me. My son, Chris, bought a small marina in Gold river, and my daughter married a very nice young man from Liverpool, NS. Not withstanding, I am neither Nova Scotian nor Canadian and, if this new tax of \$2.00 per \$100.00 of assessed value is levied, I will be forced to sell out. Needless to say, I am very sad to be in this predicament and can not help but wonder why the Nova Scotia government has decided to destroy all my dreams.

Very truly yours

John W. Wurts Jr.