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The proposed 5 per cent Deed Transfer Tax and the annual Property Tax for non-residents discourages people considering purchasing property in our province. These taxes also add financial burden to people who currently have seasonal property here. Many of these people are Nova Scotians who have history in the province and family ties they want to maintain. These families have an economic impact in our rural communities with businesses relying on seasonal resident spending from groceries, utilities, tourism, hiring local tradespeople, and more. The message we are sending to fellow Canadians is that we do not want them here. Our tourism promotions welcome Canadians to our province, however, these taxes discourage loyal, seasonal property owners who come back year after year without any enticement. I am disappointed in the implementation of these taxes and urge the province to consult with REALTORS® and out-of-province owners to find a better solution. Let's avoid the decline of rural Nova Scotia and make a plan that is fair for those who love and have given so much to the province.

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