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Dear Office of the Legislative Counsel,

I am writing to see if the new taxation measures in the Financial Measures Act consider the impact on military and RCMP families?

Military and RCMP leave their home province and move frequently based on national requirement. We often have strong ties to our province of birth; leaving is based on national need and not on preference. Many times, there is the intent to return when years of service are complete in the "retirement move" where you are able to return to your home province. Such a high tax on these families is disproportionately unfair as it penalizes Nova Scotians who have lost residency status as a result of choosing to serve their country and limits their ability to return.

We are an RCMP family with both my husband I being born, raised and educated in Nova Scotia until he began his service. At the time, in 2008, no openings were available in Nova Scotia. Prior to the pandemic, I spent months a year in Nova Scotia as did my three children, to build relationships with cousins and grandparents.

The longstanding plan has always been to purchase the generational family cottage so that we can continue to bring the kids in summers and have the familial property when our commitment to the RCMP concludes. The property is a rural, seasonal property that, as is, will not provide a year round home for a current Nova Scotia resident, but would have the devastating impact of forcing the sale to a stranger of the legacy my grandparents intended my children and their children to have.

I respectfully ask that the legislation consider the impact on Military and RCMP families and exclude them from this new taxation measure if they were a resident of Nova Scotia prior to enlisting.

Thank you,
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