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Hey, Brad Hope all is well with you and yours kind of miss having you as our counselor however glad to see you moving forward to bigger and better things, I am sending this email in regards to the Non- Resident tax to voice my disappointment, I realize we need to curb housing and bring in taxes however as someone originally from another province and intend on someday owning property back home so my kids and grandkids could visit and enjoy where I grew up it hurts me to see that we are trying to sway people not only wanting to discover our Great Province but also keeping true Nova Scotians from hanging on or purchasing properties in their home province. The proposed new taxes for non-residents of Nova Scotia are regressive and negatively impact people who are an asset to the province. It is economically beneficial to have non-residents as part of Nova Scotia's housing spectrum. The impacts of non-resident construction, tourism, household purchases, and renovations are essential to businesses and create economic activity, especially in smaller, rural, local economies. These proposed new taxes will not solve the problem of the current housing shortage. Targeting vacation, retirement, and seasonal homes in predominantly rural areas will not free up a meaningful amount of housing supply or have an impact on affordability. I urge you to listen to stakeholder's opposition to these taxes. Our non-resident community members contribute to social, cultural, recreational, and other activities which create significant economic impacts throughout rural Nova Scotia. You must work collaboratively to come up with a better plan for Nova Scotians and Canadians.

Thanks For Doing What You Do

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