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Dear Ms. Corkum Greek,

I am writing this email in response to your party's proposed implementation of a 2% (per 100 of assessment) for owners of property who don't reside in the province. I am a REALTOR® and I also sell modular homes. As such, I am extremely disappointed in the implementation of this particular tax and urge the province to consult with REALTORS® and out-of-province owners to find a better solution.

These taxes won't ease the housing problems in this province. All they will do is 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.

For example, my three siblings own a property in Indian Point that has been in our family for 50 years. They all reside out of province but visit numerous times a year and, as such, contribute greatly to the economy of this province. Why should they be penalized?

At best this tax is misguided and at worst a blatant tax grab which will be remembered come election time.

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