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Hi Pat,

I hope this email finds you well.

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 impact affordability.

I urge you to listen to stakeholders' opposition to these taxes. Our non-resident community members contribute to social, cultural, recreational and other activities, creating significant economic impacts throughout rural Nova Scotia. It would help if you worked collaboratively to develop a better plan for Nova Scotians and Canadians.

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