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Mr Hebb,

I just now (14 Apr, 4:30 pm) became aware that the Law Amendments Committee is debating The Financial Measures Act today. I request that the following comments re the non-resident property tax be put to the committee if it is no too late to do so. To wit:

This tax is wrong-headed, callous, off-putting and hurtful to thousands of cottage/seasonal resident owners who are net contributors to the economic, social, health and recreational fabric of the communities in which they own property. Many, many of them are Nova Scotian born and raised, but are living away due to employment and vocation circumstances. Their seasonal properties are critical to them for maintaining contact with aging parents and other family members, to provide "bonding" time between grand-children and grand-parents and to provide love, support and purpose to widowed or widowed parents suffering grief and loneliness. I can see five such properties from my deck, and I would wager there are thousands more throughout the province. In many cases, this added tax burden will be a very significant financial strain with unfortunate consequences, while having no benefit to the housing shortage in the province. It is punitive where no transgression has occurred. I am saddened, angered and embarrassed that our government would do such a thing.

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