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Hello,

I spoke on friday.

Again, my late husband Maury Chaykin bought a home in Aspotogan over 30 years ago. It was his favourite place on earth.

We have struggled to maintain the land's natural beauty, and not subdivided it like a developer did next door. Something that sat empty for 15 years!
That's what brings tourism to the coast. The scenic drives and heritage homes and lakes.

Now we are being lumped into the crazy greed of non residents buying everything up to airbnb at the highest price (not to rent to locals!) with no desire to use the places themselves. I know a few of them and I find it really bad. Creating an imbalance of local folks and non residents that was not there for years.

I understand that that would seem very unfair to people looking for housing in Nova Scotia and getting out bid.

I also know there is a terrible housing crisis in Halifax and Dartmouth ect. I don't believe this tax will help that.

My home is not going to fill that void. It's not a winter rental ect.. rugged and remote to some.

Could it not be a tax on airbnb's ? They could absorb it into their income. I am not making an income on mine!

Yours truly,

Susannah