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As a lifelong Nova Scotian who has enjoyed a summertime cottage in rural areas of the province, and the many neighbors there who come from both the USA and other provinces, I am totally opposed to your recent property and deed transfer taxes to those who visit us annually from out of province and who own property here. This is nothing but a cheap tax grab on folks who love our “ocean playground” and who contribute significantly to the economy of our Province.

This appears to not only be a very discriminatory policy, but also one which makes us seem very unwelcoming to out of province visitors and home owners. Many of these folks who return here annually to their vacation homes have deep roots and family in our province. We should be totally ashamed of sending such a message to “come from aways”!

Historically, “first term” governments have made policy blunders in their initial budgets. Two shining examples: The McNeil Liberals in cancelling movie industry support and the Dexter NDP in cancelling the Yarmouth ferry deal!

I implore you to reconsider this ill conceived property tax policy.. rescind it!
And move on to making our “ocean playground” a summertime and year round welcoming destination for all.

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