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I am writing to express my outrage at your government's tax levy on non-resident property owners in Nova Scotia.

We are retired Nova Scotians living in Alberta and we spend about four months each year at our cottage in Cumberland County. We don't take up space in your schools, we don't rely on your health care, we don't take your jobs and we don't use your roads in the winter. Most summers, we have friends and family visiting from away and they spend their tourism dollars exploring the province.

Every summer there are discussions in our cottage community about the abysmal services we receive for the high property taxes we pay. Our garbage, compost and recycle bins are not collected frequently enough and our county road is so poorly maintained it is impassable. The services will never improve because to whom can we complain? We can't vote in Nova Scotia and therefore we have no voice but I feel it's important to nevertheless give our feedback to the government making this decision.

The property assessment cap gives a tremendous financial advantage to cottage owners who also have their principal residence in Nova Scotia. If Nova Scotia isn't generating enough revenue in taxes, perhaps it's time to eliminate that assessment cap so that everyone pays their share of taxes. At least that would be fair!

Until now, we have been proud to be Nova Scotians and we have been vocal supporters of the tourism industry however we will no longer encourage friends and family to spend time (and money) in Nova Scotia.

This non-resident homeowner tax levy is predatory, under-handed, short-sighted and extremely unfair and I sincerely hope that you hear from the many people who will be so negatively impacted by it.

Regards,

Eleanor Wagner
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