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Mr Hebb,

My name is Leslie White from Atlanta, Georgia, and have family, relatives and friends in the Amherst Shore location. My family and I vacation up there every summer and help with the support for the locals by buying goods, services and paying taxes on the property we have.

As we all try to recover from 2 years of COVID, governments will try to find ways to cover the costs of what was hard hit by all countries.

The shut down was necessary to protect people but the loss of non-residential people visiting and stimulating the economy hurt. We all still had to pay our property taxes and other bills to help but being there did not help.

That being said, I will have to take a hard look at our financial situation (retired and set income) to see if we will be able to continue to have property. We have a summer cottage that isn't year round to sell to a resident person/family.

Your non-resident property taxes will drive many other people from the province and cut off the flow of new arrivals. Those Canadians who stay will bear a heavy and unfair financial burden.

This attack on Canadians who love Nova Scotia is astonishing from a government that relies on other Canadians to pay one-third of the cost of the public services the province provides, according to your own budget documents. You are actually biting the hand that feeds you. If I were you, I would be planning now for the inevitable reduction in federal transfers that this attack on Canadians will provoke. You will lose any moral authority you might have had in negotiating with other provinces and the feds.