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Subject: Proposed Non-Resident Taxes. First Q: who are the non-residents??

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The Law Amendments Committee
Premier Tim Houston
Finance Minister Allan MacMaster
Housing Minister John Lohr

Good Morning Everyone:

Wait a minute - has an analysis been completed to tell you **who** comprises all these non-residents? Are you lumping them all into one group? Should you take another look?

Many are born and bred Nova Scotians who were educated locally and in turn, often send their children to be educated at these same local institutions. All the while, spending lots of money in NS, increasing growth in NS and creating even more "natural ambassadors" for Nova Scotia.

These natural ambassadors are not to be discounted in any small or large ways.

Friends and relatives of mine, who left Nova Scotia for work are unbelievable in their steadfast love and promotion of Nova Scotia. I have a sister, for eg, who has given so many marked destination maps & instructions to visiting tourists, from her work in TO ... she should have her name on a brick at the very least!

Why would you ever want to penalize, in any way, natural ambassadors for this province when they never bill NS for their services??

They are now being targeted for owning a ppty in NS while living & working elsewhere.

What aboutisms:

What about the wealthy developers who own many properties in Nova Scotia? You can stand at the Willow tree and look in every direction. Blasting has been an ever-present shock for the past 8+ years. There are multiple new high-rise developments; counting them is becoming a real challenge.

These developers lease/rent to hundreds of Nova Scotians. Is there a limit on how much they can own or how rich they can become renting/leasing to Nova Scotians? Should NS taxing be taking a targeted look here instead??

Nothing seems to happen faster in this province than the demolition of well built & textured Victorian houses. In their place, rising at alarming rates are these expensive towers . But who can afford either the condos and or the apartments in these towers? Housing solutions for Nova Scotians?

Talk about “supply” issues *not* being resolved by faith & trust in developers.

What about looking at something very quick and very simple?? What about blind bidding in real estate deals? How is blind bidding helping Nova Scotians buying their first house? It’s such a simple solution to assist Nova Scotians and yet it remains a money grab for all parties that are *not* the buyers.

Come on now. We can do better than targeting friends & family whose return visits & stays only enhance & enrich all Nova Scotians.

Let’s not breed divisiveness & resentment. Let’s keep our faith & trust in these tried & trues. 🙌

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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