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Good Evening Mr. Hebb,

My name is Rachel Tupper, and I currently live in Ottawa, ON. I was born and raised in NS, and many of my extended family members still live there. Just prior to Covid, I lost my husband to a lengthy battle of cancer (he was also a Maritimer but was an active CF member). After losing my husband, my extended family has become even more important to me. As a result, I bought a cottage in Lorneville, just outside of Amherst, last fall so I could spend more time during the summer to be near family. I was quite disturbed when I was told that NS introduced a new property tax on April 1st that would penalize individuals such as myself. Obviously if I own a property I expect to pay tax even though I gain no real benefit from it except garbage pickup. However, I feel that paying an additional rate of 2% on top of what residents pay, is very unfair. In fact, when I am at my cottage, I will be shopping at local retailers, purchasing gasoline, eating in local restaurants and adding to the economy. I hired a local contractor from Amherst last Fall, and spent 12,000 dollars to have my cottage leveled. That same contractor is scheduled to start 25,000 dollars of Renos to the cottage in a few weeks. Again I am supporting the local economy. It feels unfair that I own a property but because I don't live in NS, and am only able to be there during the summer months, I am penalized. I pay considerable tax on my home here in Ottawa, which is worth four times as much as my cottage, but with this new tax introduced by the NS government, I will be paying more property tax on my cottage than I do on my home. I am quite frustrated and I was given your name by Elizabeth McCrossin, who suggested I offer my comments as a submission to Law Amendments. I would appreciate if your office could consider revising this new law, considering individuals as myself, who want to

reside in Nova Scotia during the summer months, and who in fact add to local economies.

Thank you for your consideration to this email.
Sincerely
Rachel