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From: Hebb, Gordon
Sent: April 19, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
Subject: FW: Discriminatory tax (cash grab) against non resident property owners.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Grady, Raymond [REDACTED]
Sent: April 19, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Hebb, Gordon <Gordon.Hebb@novascotia.ca>
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From: Grady, Raymond
Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2022 10:22 AM
To: financeminister@novascotia.ca
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Discriminatory tax (cash grab) against non resident property owners.

Good morning Mr. McMaster.

Below is the letter that I sent to Premier Houston....regarding Nova Scotia's modern day version of a shakedown.

I have to think the proposed arbitrary and discriminatory tax will not help the investment climate within NS.

I work with a number of people born and raised in the East Coast but whom have pursued careers and lives outside of the East Coast.

Their commentary is very consistent....the East Coast is a great place to grow up and spend summers....but the opportunities for young professionals are few.

How about dealing with the root cause of the problem instead of the easy and short sighted option of taxing "foreigners" whom have chosen to invest their hard earned dollars in NS?

Raymond Grady
Crysler, ON

-----Original Message-----

From: Grady, Raymond

Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 9:47 PM

To: premier@novascotia.ca

Subject: Discriminatory tax (cash grab) against non resident property owners.

Good evening Mr. Houston

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> My name is Raymond Grady and my wife and I bought a summer cottage property in Malagash Point in 2020.

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> The purchase of the property culminated in a dream of owning property in NS after spending a number of summers in the area over the past 20 years.

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> We also have two kids attending university in NS (Dal and STFX).

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> When we bought the property, it did not have a functioning well, no septic system, no foundation and no insulation in the cottage.

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> Since acquiring the property we have spent or in process of spending an additional \$100,000 on a new well, new driveway, foundation, septic system, electrical and plumbing work.

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> All of the aforementioned work was given to local contractors and trades people.

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> After all of the above, the property will remain a seasonal property as it's not liveable from mid fall to mid spring as the cottage is not constructed to be lived in during winter. It has no insulation and no furnace or duct work.

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> We had thought that we were being good citizens in buying property and spending our hard earned money locally in beautifying it

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> I was shocked to find out this morning of your government's plans to ease affordability of housing by introducing a tax on a summer non resident property owner.

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> Our property tax is expected to triple (and very likely more) as a result of your discriminatory tax and by our efforts to beautify the property.

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> Note, our friends just down the road from our cottage own a much more expensive cottage that can be lived in year round...but they are not subject to the tax on their vacation property because they are year round residents of Halifax.

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> How is this fair.....I had thought a Canadian is a Canadian in Canada and how does tripling our tax bill on our seasonal property help in easing housing affordability in NS?

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> We do not have unlimited \$\$\$ to deal with the cash grab so the only option that we are left with is to significantly alter our plans in further improving the property at the expense of local contractors.

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> Why would we spend any more \$\$\$ on the property which will only drive up the amount of your cash grab?

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> Surely common sense will prevail at some point within your government and the cash grab will be rethought.

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> Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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> Raymond Grady

> Crysler, On

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> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Raymond Grady <raymond.grady67@gmail.com>
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Raymond Grady <raymond.grady67@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 8:09 AM
Subject: Re: Non resident property owner cash grab
To: <premier@novascotia.ca>



Good morning Mr. Houston.

Here is a little example of our response to the Nova Scotia's proposed discriminatory cash grab.

These chairs are \$200 plus HST per chair.

Up until last week, we would have purchased the chairs at Home Hardware in either Wallace or Tatamagouche....but instead they were bought in Ontario.

Next up, we are now in the process of buying furniture in Ontario for our cottage in Malagash Point.

We are fortunate enough to own a pick-up truck and cargo trailer therefore buying in Ontario or NB and hauling goods to our cottage is absolutely no problem for us.

Lastly, we are now in the process of curtailing our plans for further construction given that we do not want to drive up the value of our property only to be subject to your tax grab.

Regards,

Raymond Grady