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Dear Law Amendments Committee members,  
I write asking you to:

1. Defer this legislation until after the Municipal Elections of 2024, as the current councillors neither ran for office on this issue, nor does my vote for any of them allow them to make a decision of this importance for me. This is not a traffic light or crosswalk or even a budget or a shared community development project, which they would be allowed to consider. **This is a major issue of how we are to be governed now and well into the future. They have no mandate from me or other Antigonishers to do this. They've stolen my vote!**

The issue for us has nothing to do with amalgamation or consolidation but everything to do with having the right to make an informed decision on governance. Not after hearing at one meeting when a presenter was asked why we couldn't have a plebiscite on the issue, "Because we lost that one!" I want the right to vote for councillors who will provide the proper information that this group has not! If I have informed information that tells me this is beneficial, I'll be first to jump on the bandwagon, but the issue is too important for me not to have a say. For those on the committee who asked the question about trust voting, my only response is "If they tell me we have to burn down half the town and county to

make both better and they going to do it without a vote, then NO - I'm not having any part of it!"

2. Defer the legislation until the legal appeal issue has been settled. The government already ruled once that they would not introduce legislation while the legal process was not resolved. They've betrayed that position.

One last comment I would like to make is that the presentations your committee allowed by people who have nothing to do with the issue other than a personal opinion were both patriarchal and offensive as hell.

Respectfully submitted,

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