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Hello,

I am forwarding my letter that I had also send to the premiers office regarding Bill6.

I strongly oppose this bill.

Thank you for including my concerns and best wishes,

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Dear Hon. Tim Houston,

I feel that our government has taken a wrong turn and needs to make some serious changes to the recent proposed Bills in the NS legislature. It does not have the support of the people behind it.

There are many problems with this entire list of bills but Bill #6 appears to be the most alarming to me. It repeals the bans on uranium mining and fracking and fast-tracks mining and other resource extractions. This is irresponsible and denies past, present and future public processes.

As experts have pointed out: Nova Scotia is too small and too permeated with waterways to safely conduct activities such as uranium mining and fracking. This was understood many years ago by scholars and scientists who foresaw that danger. We are not, as a province, able to sustain that kind of mining without serious consequences to the land, ecosystems, and people.

Fast tracked resource extraction is unsustainable. It will not create good jobs for young people. It will not make this province a better place. If you really want young people to stay in Nova Scotia make it a place of living hope not a demolition site.

Scorched earth economics doesn't work. And Canada can no longer rely on the practice of house flipping, and rentals to sustain itself. I agree that the world is hungry for Lithium and Uranium but it can not be mined safely in Nova Scotia. We need to come up with innovative ways to create wealth. Some ideas could be to focus on the wealth of creative minds we have living here, our education systems, our incredible beauty, and our sense of community. Resorting to unhealthy, unsustainable, careless mining practices will only put money in a few pockets. We need a true democratic sustainable vision.

With our wealth of human intelligence and resourcefulness, we could prosper as a society; we need leaders to help people realize the potential here. Denying public consultation is a massive step backwards into the dark ages.

I also do not support the tabled deficit budget. The budget should support the development of local products and services, not resource extraction.

You have dismissed anyone with environmental concerns. You have taken people who care for Nova Scotia out of the discussion. This again is a dangerous statement. How can we have industry without input from

environmental experts and communities. How can we have democracy? There is a growing concern of climate catastrophe, we are already experiencing it with fires, floods, ice storms, droughts etc... It will only get worse. Is it really the time to gag those who might have ideas and proposals that could help turn all this around. There is no safe industry without input from the non partisan voices of the ecologists, scientists, environmental planners, and communities.

We need a government that is focused on diminishing, not increasing, polarization in our society. You have used the term 'professional protestors', showing disdain for the right to protest, and repeatedly uses the term 'special interest groups' in snide reference to scientific and community groups working to protect the health of the people, the water, and land. This approach is dismissive and derisive, and intentionally feeds that very polarization which is harmful to us all.

The bills as proposed represent nothing short of an attempt to consolidate power and exclude community input. If they are enacted we have lost our democracy and our province to industry and private interest groups - the very few people who will experience short term financial benefit from these reckless proposals. I urge you to nullify these bills.

Respectfully,
Annette Clarke

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