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Hello,

I'm writing to express my deep concern with a range of actions recently undertaken by this government.

As Trump works to dismantle democracy south of the border, I'm horrified that Nova Scotia's government is undermining it here at home. Transparency and accountability are cornerstones of democracy and it's reprehensible to see the undermining of the auditor general, privacy commissioner, public servants, and universities. These institutions, and others, must be free to do their jobs without political interference.

I also take issue with plans to lift the ban of fracking. As a certified economic developer, I understand the importance of economic strength more than most, but the environmental impacts of fracking are too great to access a carbon-based resource that is only marginally better than coal. The research is clear that fracking is a disaster. Reversing on the decision to ban it would be, frankly, embarrassing for this province, even more embarrassing than the fact that Nova Scotia is still burning coal.

If the government is going to invest in energy resources, it should be in offshore and onshore wind. NS has an enviable wind resource that has massive potential for job creation, investment attraction, and export development, all while keeping us on the right path toward climate change mitigation.

It's clear to me that this government is abusing its super-majority to push through legislation that serves the PCs rather than the Nova Scotians they are supposed to represent. Now, and for the next four years, know that Nova Scotians are watching, and we will not forget whose interests your decisions support.

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