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Hello Public Bills Committee,

I am writing out of concern for the many "overreach" measures the Tim Houston government is proposing all at once, without public consultation, legislative debate or any mention in their recent election platform.

The PC election campaign did not mention, and therefore no one voted for:

- Repealing fracking & uranium bans,
- 25% MLA pay raise,
- making auditor general reports private,
- intimidation of the auditor general,
- firing non-union employees without cause,
- abolish hospital ER closure report and doctors wait list dashboard,
- abolish Communication Dept.,
- restrict freedom of the press,
- limit opposition party question period,
- remove public participation and the power to amend laws from the Law Amendments Committee,
- abolish municipal consultation on transportation,
- take control of university boards and funding,
- while ignoring affordability, housing, climate change, Chignecto Isthmus, etc.

The Premiere's plans are government overreach, too much, too fast, too sloppy (throw-everything-to-see-what-sticks), and veer too far into anti-democratic areas.

Most of these changes, if not outright undemocratic, could certainly be used that way and weakens our system of government at a time when our democracy should be strengthened. We shouldn't respond to Trump's chaos with even more chaos.

Premiere Houston speaks of "resounding mandates" and hearing the people "loud and clear," while calling those who oppose his omnibus bulldozer legislation "special interest groups" and "paid protesters." I assure you, I am on no one's protest payroll, belong to no activist groups, and am speaking on my own behalf as a registered voter and concerned citizen.

I would like to remind the current government that they campaigned mainly on fixing health care and removing Halifax bridge tolls, and were elected by just 24% of eligible voters and 52% of the popular vote, hardly a "resounding mandate." It is far more likely that heavy industry and foreign lobbyists are the "special interests."

Knowing Tim Houston's personal eagerness to support Everwind's green hydrogen subsidy grab, I can only assume that the taxpayers will be subsidizing these new industries as well, then paying for the cleanup after the subsidies dry up and those enriched declare bankruptcy and leave, as seems to be the pattern.

Many years ago, the PC party self-described as socially responsible, fiscally conservative government for the people. What happened?

I'm asking you to have the "mature discussion" that Houston is promising, otherwise it just feels like backroom sellouts and bulldozer legislation.

Thank you very much for your understanding and representation.

Best regards,

Spencer Morgan