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I have serious concerns about ALL the bills this PC government is jamming through without due process. Bill 24 and the sweeping legislative powers it will grant the provincial government, at the expense of municipal decision-making and autonomy, is another example of unethical behaviour from T Houston and his sheep. Elbows up!

It is clear that Nova Scotians do not condone this pattern of consolidating power while excluding the voices of concerned citizens, experts, or anyone else who might dare to disagree. These legislative changes were never mentioned during the election campaign, encroaching on the autonomy of communities, municipalities, universities, and research... Is this really how you want to govern? Are you really on board with putting the party line ahead of the public good? Are you a sheep or a leader? Sheep blindly follow...leaders stand up for those they were voted to represent.

I urge you not to vote for this bill. I urge elected PC MLAs...to not be sheep...and blindly follow one of the most unethical leaders this province has ever had. Your actions will be remembered! Tim Houston is a member of CPA Nova Scotia who is responsible for regulating the professional development of its members, and the protection of the public through its ethical

standards, Tim Houston seems to have left his ethics behind. **Stand up for the people of Nova Scotia you were elected to serve and not the Trump like dictator who is showing his true colors.**

There are different levels of government for a reason. Municipal Councillors are voted in by the members of the community and they are who we look to for decisions on municipal transportation, infrastructure, building and development. WE who live in the communities SHOULD have the final decision not some MLA who does not even live in the community! We need strong municipalities to represent Nova Scotians in their home communities without threats of interference from the province.

Granting the Public Works Minister the authority to order any municipality in the province to build or remove infrastructure is a very slippery slope. **Allowing the Minister to then bill the municipality for projects they may not support or be able to afford is an irresponsible way to govern.** Homeowners are already overwhelmed by the increases in property taxes to fund infrastructure for projects they did not want! It is no wonder that the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities has deemed some of the clauses in Bill 24 "tremendously concerning." Former municipal councillors, now MLAs, among them Tim Outhit, Tom Taggart and Danielle Barkhouse, should have particularly strong reservations about this bill!

By voting for this bill, you are voting to take the "joint" out of the Joint Regional Transportation Agency. Nova Scotians have long wanted a collaborative, municipal, provincial and federal approach to improving efficient transportation in the province.

Government overreach and interference is not supported by Nova Scotians! The PC party was not voted in to destroy democracy in the province. Nova Scotians have displayed a wealth of knowledge and opposition to Bills 1, 6, 11, 12, and 36. Which the PC government is willfully ignoring!

Democracy requires our active participation, especially when democracy is threatened. **The bills put forward in this legislative session considered collectively, present a clear threat to transparency, collaboration, and the public good. Completely unethical!**

Be a leader not a sheep! Vote AGAINST this bill and the rest of the over reaching legislation that is being put forward.

Regards,
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