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By E-Mail
To: Mr. Gordon Hebb
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Dear Mr. Hebb,

I refer to Bill 39, which is set to prohibit uranium exploration and mining in Nova Scotia. Review of certain information presented before the Law Amendments Committee on October 29th, 2009 has moved me to contact you at this late date. As a professional geologist and President of a company that employs many professionals, I am greatly concerned about potential impact of Bill 39 on all future mineral exploration, development, mining and quarrying activities in Nova Scotia. In my opinion, the broad-based restrictive intent of the proposed legislation does not reflect grounding in sound technical and scientific assessment. By way of example, well documented, naturally occurring uranium distribution trends and abundances in the various rock types that comprise the bedrock systems of this province appear to have been ignored. This oversight, be it intentional or otherwise, defines a fundamental flaw in the context of the proposed legislation. I strongly submit that on this point alone it should not be allowed to proceed. A balanced and informed base of information fully vetted through detailed consultation with qualified professionals in government, academia and industry is essential to properly address the issues dealt with under Bill 39.

Regards,

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