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Legislators:

This is clearly a case where haste can make waste.

To my knowledge there has been little if any consultation with Mining Industry leaders to assess the impacts of the proposed bill. As a body of thinking managers entrusted with provincial political and physical resources, it is mandatory for the NS Legislature to effect prudent changes with appropriate forethought having closely evaluated the full range of options and approach. The optics of such heavy handed, perhaps unnecessary, legislation to the investment and business community will likely have severe ramifications on future minerals development in Nova Scotia. The action begs the question; what problem is being addressed? What segment of the NS Minerals Industry or business community will be next?

Some question the practicality of the 100 ppm U restriction related to mining and construction activity of public roads and regional development activities particularly in HRM. Administration of the proposed statute will pose numerous challenges.

I urge you to carefully reconsider the necessity and usefulness of the proposed Legislation

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