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Gordon D Hebb - Bill 39

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Gordon Hebb,
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Dear Mr. Hebb,

I have been working for the past 15 years to create mining related jobs in rural Nova Scotia. These jobs are dependent on raising 100's of millions of dollars outside of this Province. After reviewing Bill 39 I have become very concerned that the Bill in its present form will have a major negative effect on the economy of Nova Scotia. As the law is proposed, it will make it virtually impossible to attract resource based investment to the province.

Bill 39 has the potential to create 2 classes of citizens in Nova Scotia, the rural unemployed poor and the well off Metro based; commercial, government, academic, banking - elite. It is not just about uranium but the message that this Bill sends to the investment community that Nova Scotia is not an friendly or safe environment in which to commit significant financial resources in the resource based industries.

Agriculture, forestry and the fishery are in decline. A rural based mineral industry has the potential, given worldwide commodity shortages and fair, proactive and supportive government policies, to be the major driver of employment, government tax revenues and prosperity for rural citizens.

I urgently request that the proposed Bill 39 be tabled until a full review of the potential economic impact of its passage is conducted by a qualified national firm such as Ernst & Young or PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Respectfully

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