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To: My MLA

Re: Bill 90, Law Amendments Committee

Thank you for allowing written submissions as I was unable to personally attend, even though this proposed legislation greatly affects my business.

Our business is a member of the Eastern Recyclers Association and as a member we do NOT condone the buying of stolen materials. Our association has been working together and trying to work with stakeholders to stop metal thefts.

At our September meeting, members voted for the association to fund a core sign poster, 24 x18 inches to be posted at our place of business that says – **CRIMINALS BEWARE – WE DO NOT BUY STOLEN MATERIAL – YOU ARE ON CAMERA**. A draft sign will be made available at our up-coming January meeting to be reviewed and the final design will be printed and supplied to all ERA member Enviro-Depots that buy metals.

Our business, would like an alternative to legislation by the ERA working with the stakeholders towards a viable solution to curb thefts instead of burdening an industry with more regulations that are not even developed. The legislation has been drafted, could it not be set aside to see if the stakeholders could produce more satisfactory results, if it doesn't, adopt the legislation.

This was the avenue we were proceeding along until the change of security staff at NS Power and the surprise to us of the proposed legislation.

Most of our members Enviro Depots are small "Mom and Pop" type operations in rural NS. The penalties proposed are excessive to our small business and could lead to business closure and financial ruin if a simple mistake was made. What is the penalty for the thief? There is nothing that penalizes the thieves...nothing. The punishment doesn't fit the crime.

I hope you will consider our comments and postpone the legislation or amend the proposed legislation so our small business acting in good faith is not subject to possible financial ruin. The proposed legislation puts much more hardship on the unsuspecting buyer than the criminal.

Thank you for the opportunity to allow my business to submit comments and suggestions. We all want a viable solution to this matter.

Respectfully,

*Lucia Wickett
New Minas Recycling*