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Mr. Chairman

My Name is Tony Mahaney councilor for the Town of Shelburne. I am speaking against the recommendation to change the electoral boundaries of Shelburne County. It has been stated that the law amendments hearing is part of a process to hear the people of Shelburne. When the report was introduced in the house of assembly, at that time our MLA made it clear along with written submissions and a petition to stop the change. This is when the government of the day could have and should have rejected the report based on the fact that the people of Shelburne did not have a voice as was mandated in the criteria set by the province for the commission.

The people of Shelburne County have a long history of representation in the house of assembly. We have been represented as a county for over 100 years. We have developed strong ties with our neighboring communities and have worked closely with the mayors and wardens on many issues over the years. We do not share any cultural, economical or other ties with the county of Queens.

I see this splitting of our county as a weakening of our voice as a community in the house. We would be a smaller voice as a community, as we would be a smaller number of citizens in the riding as is recommended. Our provincial boards would not be the same as the new riding. I.e our health, school and economic development would be with Yarmouth and we would have little voice on the decisions of boards that represent us. This recommendation is simple wrong and must be rejected.

Our communities have struggled over the years, but we have had MLA's that have served us well. I am fearful that with little representation of our area as suggested by split ridings that simple math may see us with never again being represented by one of our residents. That being queens residents would have far more number of people to make decisions that would negatively affect the area over time. As you well know that one tends to favor their own community.

As MLA s of your own communities ask yourself. Would you stand for this happening in your riding? When given the opportunity to vote. Please consider what you would do for your people and vote no to split the county of Shelburne. We demand e strong representation in the house by keeping Shelburne County whole.

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