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**Subject:** Bill 118

Dear NS Representatives,

I am writing to express my dismay at the weakening of protection for our visible cultural heritage, specifically so-called heritage properties, by the proposed Bill 118.

As a long-time resident in one of the oldest provinces in Canada, as the owner of a 200+-year-old home, and as the holder of two degrees in Canadian colonial history, I am constantly reminded of the debt and benefits we owe to previous generations. We lose this understanding to our loss, especially since our own society is becoming increasingly removed and disconnected from its roots.

As we in the West watch in horror at the desecration and destruction of ancient cultural and architectural sites in the Middle and Far East by fanatics, we would be wise to consider our own preservation of those sites which contribute to our identity as Canadians. I strongly agree with those who believe that we need visible reminders of how we came to be where we are now.

Please reconsider Bill 118, which will weaken protection for our visible Maritime heritage.

Regards,  
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