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Dear Minister

I read Bill No. 4 today with horror! As a former government employee in your Department, I have been supportive of each Provincial Government and the implementation of their various policies throughout my 33 years of service. However, after examining the wording of this Bill I can no longer sit back and be silent.

This is the first time that I have contacted any government to air my objections regarding their intent. The proposed Biodiversity Act legislation as written is bad for Nova Scotians and I object to its content in the strongest terms ... please rewrite this legislation taking into account the long-term consequences of your actions on hard-working citizens.

If you're attempting to drive working families out of Nova Scotia then this document will escalate that event even further. If you're suggesting the only people who should reside in this province are those who want to watch the birds, bees, and furry creatures, and live happily with either their pensions or government handouts, then this Bill will succeed.

Although I've been a strong supporter of Stephen McNeil and the Liberal Party in the past, if this legislation in its current form is successful then I will reconsider my future voting bias.

If you're truly interested in recommendations that can fix this Bill and not jeopardize some of the more beneficial clauses then please reach out to me and I will gladly offer some specific recommendations.

Kind Regards

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