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Subject: Bill 4

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Attention: Nova Scotia Law Amendments Committee,
Regarding Bill 4

I am writing to you regarding bill 4 and my family's strong opposition to this bill that targets disproportionately rural private landowners. The authority and power that the government would assume with this bill is too great and an affront to most hardworking Nova Scotians.

Since Premier Rankin has made it know that he intends to alter the bill as a result of countless concerns expressed by 1000's of Nova Scotians, the messaging from those in favour of this bill has proven that their aim all along is to dictate to private landowners what it is they can and can not do on their lands. This is unacceptable.

Along with my wife, three kids, my father and mother, we live on roughly 60 acres of land that we consider to be our pride and joy. We look at it as a legacy we hope to build for our children and grandchildren. We stock a small pond on the property so that we can enjoy beautiful spring Saturday mornings fishing within 500 meters of our home. We have developed paths, seating areas and have plans for other personalized touches as we work on this property. The thought that some random stranger could take issue with our actions and report us so as to have the government inspect our property without a warrant is absurd.

Bill 4 is a useless piece of legislation that should not in any way have authority on private land and quite frankly is a waste of taxpayers money to develop for Crown land, as all of the outcomes the government wants for biodiversity on Crown lands already have legislation in place so as to deliver the desired outcomes.

Please accept this email as a statement of complete opposition, from 7 proud private landowners in rural Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

Jamie Lewis



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