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Dear Premier Houston,

I want to voice my strong objections to the proposed changes to the Auditor General Act.

I was born in Nova Scotia, and have lived, voted and paid taxes here most of my life. I was shocked to see the changes proposed to the Auditor General Act including giving the government the right to:

- veto, withhold or censor reports or parts of reports
- fire the auditor general without cause or incapacity with a two-thirds majority vote

The Auditor General works for the people of Nova Scotia as a watchdog over whatever government is currently in power. We need and want an AG who can investigate government activity freely, and report candidly to the people of Nova Scotia, without being under threat of dismissal without cause. Just because this has been done in Alberta and Manitoba does NOT make it right. NO employee should be fired without cause!!! No report, in part or whole, should be suppressed!

That the current government would propose something like this makes me think they have something to hide from the AG and the people of Nova Scotia, or plan to do something in the future that they do not want discovered. This is the sort of action I would expect from politicians south of the border, and I am very disturbed to see it happening here.

With deepest concern,

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cc. Law Amendments Committee