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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing today to express my distain over what Premier Tim Houston is proposing in Bill 1. The Auditor General does not work for Mr. Houston, but rather the entire population of my wonderful province. Having lived here for all of my 60 years, I can honestly say, I never thought a Premier of my home, would want to hide ANYTHING. What is it you want to keep quiet Premier?

Mr. Houston, undoubtedly, you are watching politics south of the border. You are pulling a move right out of his handbook, surely you have a knot in your stomach?

OUR Auditor General MUST have the freedom to perform her/his job, without the scrutiny of those we voted in to serve US. All major parties in this province must protect the position of Auditor General, for without this position what do we become? A province whereby the premier becomes all powerful. That should resonate quite loudly right now. Nova Scotia functions on the backs of hard working Blue Nosers, and I think I can speak for most Nova Scotians when I say, we want our government to be accountable to us. Nova Scotians must be informed of poor decisions made by said government, as well as any over spending by government or any outright lying to the people who granted you the privilege to run this province. Committee members, you must do what is right by those who elected you.

When the Auditor General called this government out on overspending, government decided they were going to silence her. Again, not the way I want my province run, that is for south of the border. Mr. Houston, there is no shame in apologizing, admitting you are wrong and scrapping this bill. You need to protect this position at all costs, moreover the citizens of N.S. should not have to convince you.

Nova Scotians entrusted Mr. Houston with making decisions that would move us forward. By hiding what those decisions are, how can we trust we will forever be a democratic society? I urge each of you reading this to vote down Bill 1. I want future generations to know with every certainty and confidence, that the government they freely elect, is one that is accountable to them and works with transparency. You must not take away the right that is the Auditor General's. To do so, would be a step towards dictatorship... and that should put fear into every sitting member who has the freedom to vote on this bill.

Vote NO to passing Bill 1

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