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I am a very concerned citizen in light of the overreaching power that Tim Houston is exercising.

The role of the Auditor General has always been that of an INDEPENDENT overseer. It is not linked to any political party nor should it be. It is a very important and crucial role that is much needed. To suggest that any government should have the power to control what reports and findings are released or, Heaven forbid, to be able to fire the Auditor General is not acceptable!!

I expect and have a right to expect more transparency from our government and, more specifically, from Premier Houston!!! I voted for him, trusted him and now have grave concerns about his misuse of power. We have enough problems with Trump; we certainly don't need nor want that Trump attitude of power and control from Premier Houston. Just because he received a huge show of support doesn't mean he has the right to do as he pleases. I am shocked and horrified at this overreaching of power and I'm certainly not alone.

Nova Scotians have to stand up for OUR RIGHT for transparency, and a good place to start is by DEMANDING the Auditor General duties remain independent. There would be no accountability. What a way to have the citizens of this province lose faith in the leadership of Premier Houston and the conservative party. You should be all about transparency, not about hiding information from us. This is shameful and destroys trust in you. What do you need to hide?

It's time to rein in the power hungry and the misuse of power. The role of the Auditor General MUST be protected.

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