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Standing Committee on Public Bills March 4, 2025
Submission, Bill 6: An Act Respecting Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources

Dear members of the Legislature,

Firstly, thank you for all your hard work in managing our province, it is much appreciated. Like many, I appreciate the continued focus on continuing to improve the health system, lowering the provincial HST and income tax, and the excellent provincial pilot program Nova Scotia Loyal.

I do wish to express my serious concerns with plans to alter legislation that would allow discussions for hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and uranium exploration in Nova Scotia, tabled last week in Bill 6. I believe that it will pose unacceptable risks in terms of potential health problems to Nova Scotians, as well as risks to the environment, in particular fresh water and the climate. It seems to ignore decades of consultation and research, along with widespread opposition from the public, experts, and Mi'kmaw communities. Although revenue and GDP development is important, it should not be done at the detriment of the environment and people's health.

As you know, climate change may be the most pressing overall challenge to humans at this point in time, and focussing on clean energy opportunities, such as solar and wind power, will result in sustainable jobs and revenues.

I wish you all the best.

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