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Hello,

I'm writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to several pieces of legislation on the agenda for March 17th. These changes pose a serious threat to transparency, democratic governance, public accountability, and the rights of Nova Scotians.

I do not wish to see the changes to

- The decision to lift bans on fracking and uranium mining without meaningful public consultation. These practices pose serious environmental and health risks and should not be reinstated without broad public engagement and scientific review. Our environmental resources are our responsibility to protect, not exploit.
- Legislative changes that undermine the role and authority of the Privacy Commissioner. Nova Scotians have a right to transparency and access to information — weakening oversight only serves to erode public trust.
- Government overreach into post-secondary institutions by taking control over what can be taught and funded. Academic freedom is a cornerstone of democracy, and universities must remain independent from political interference. As someone who works in the university sector, it is not the government's role to decide what is important, it is the university's. Universities bring bright young people to our province and keep us thriving and vibrant. To drive our university sector into the ground with government overreach will have disastrous impacts for Nova Scotia.
- Legislation that allows non-unionized public servants to be fired without cause. This is an attack on workers' rights and sets a dangerous precedent for all public service roles.

It was only through public pressure that your government walked back its attack on the Auditor General. I urge you to listen again — to students, workers, educators, advocates, and everyday Nova Scotians — and withdraw these damaging proposals.

These changes do not reflect the values of a fair, transparent, and democratic province. I urge you to do the right thing and stop these bills before they become law.

Cheers,

Kareina Cadel