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Good Day;

As a lifelong Nova Scotian I am deeply distressed about the multiple stressors that this government is putting on Nova Scotia's democracy with the upcoming vote which includes what I consider undemocratic bills included in the overall omnibus bills.

With this recent large majority government the Premier is taking the liberty to propose bills that WE as Nova Scotians were not informed of when seeking this current mandate.

I request that the Houston government refrain from removing these particular 3 bills.

Bill No. 1 – An Act Respecting Government Organization and Administration

Bill No. 6 – An Act Respecting Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources

Bill No. 12 – An Act Respecting Advanced Education and Research

Bill No. 1 – An Act Respecting Government Organization and Administration: will give the government large powers to control the hiring and firing of non union civil servants, limit freedom of information access as well as rescind the fixed election date, which this government has already ignored in spite of enacting it during their 1st mandate. Such a large over reach to control the flow of information as well as to intimidate employees the government doesn't like.

Bill No. 6 – An Act Respecting Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources:

Nova Scotians stood proud when the Ban on Fracking was enacted and to reverse that ban now is irresponsible in light of all the research and environmental concerns associated with Fracking. And to sneak Bill 6 into this vote without WE the people having a say is a violation of our democratic right. This DOES NOT make us special interest groups.

The consideration to open up uranium mining is also irresponsible suggestion which will also demand huge amounts of land and water for the very little mineral available. And recently this government has directed NS Power/EMERA to add wood into its power generation mix.

After calling out Nova Scotians that are deeply concerned about the sustainability of our province, each of these directions is showing a flagrant disregard for the climate crisis we are living in. Houston is also demonstrating a deep level of unimaginative thinking not to consider industry options that do not seek to undermine our province's natural environment or continual access to clean water. The ongoing refusal to sign on to the Atlantic Loop makes no sense and the money argument is mute when considering the extraction options which come with huge price tags themselves.

Bill No. 12 – An Act Respecting Advanced Education and Research is completely outrageous. The proposal to parachute up to 50% of university boards with government appointees will undermine the entire higher learning community and make them beholden to government priorities. These priorities may have nothing to do with keeping universities as places of higher learning, critical thinking, mathematicians, scientist humanities and fine arts but to please and be controlled by the politicians of the day and their agendas.

Thank you  
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