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Subject: Regarding Bill 24

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MLA Barkhouse, Premier Houston and members of the Public Bills Committee;

I am writing to express my concerns about the implications of Bill 24 enabling the provincial government to proceed with transportation related infrastructure projects without the consultation or partnership of municipalities.

As worded, it appears the bill would allow for the province to unilaterally complete projects in municipal jurisdictions, then charge municipalities for that work.

As a municipal taxpayer, I know that what happens next is, my municipal taxes increase.

MLA Barkhouse, I imagine that you have good insight into how this may be received at the municipal council chambers in the District of Chester, where you got your start in politics and represented your constituents well.

I understand that municipal officials across the province are confused and concerned, especially in light of the fact that the report of the Joint Regional Transportation Agency has not even been shared with stakeholders...yet Bill 24 appears to want to consolidate decision making power with the ministry.

Nova Scotians benefit from clear areas of responsibility among the three levels of government. More importantly, we benefit from democratic processes of acting in right relationship, with appropriate consultation and partnership.

I hope you will use the opportunity to take the feedback and amend the legislation to restore the faith of your constituents in due process.

Sincerely,

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