From: Neil Connelly
To: NSFM Info
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Dear President Mayor Amanda McDougall,

As President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, I wanted to express my concerns to you with the new Non Resident Property Tax introduced by the provincial government. I have included below a copy my message of opposition to the tax that I forwarded to Premier Houston.

I hope, if possible, that the Federation takes a position on the negative impact of this tax on communities, especially rural ones like the County of Inverness where we reside on a seasonal basis and others across the province. Perhaps it can be discussed at your upcoming spring conference. Thanks for your attention.

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April 14, 2002
Dear Honourable Premier, Tim Houston:

We are writing to express our deep concerns with the new Non-Resident Property Tax.

My wife, Pearl Connelly and her sister Maureen McLellan inherited the family property at 1253 Broad Cove Marsh Road in Inverness County, Cape Breton. We have been visiting it for over 70 years and more recently, in retirement have spent four or five months in the summers at the house, which is over 120 years old. The original settlement by the family in Nova Scotia dates back to their relocation as British Loyalists, after the American revolution and eventual move to Cape Breton and the Marsh in the late 1880's.

The tax will have a huge financial impact to us in our retirement, was advanced with limited notice and is an extreme measure to be undertaken in one step, without any consultation or broader public policy deliberation and discussion.

We have also expressed our concerns with the Honourable Allan MacMaster, Minister of Finance and a resident of Inverness County. It is our sincere hope that the Province will reconsider the introduction of the Non-Resident Property Tax initiative.

We would be pleased to provide any additional information if you would like to further discuss our concerns. Our contact information is below. Thanks for your attention.

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