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Dear Premier Houston,

We are writing to express our concern regarding discussions about lifting Nova Scotia's longstanding ban on uranium mining. This region, particularly the Vaughan / Windsor area, is not an industrial zone—it is home to families, seniors, children, and vibrant lake communities that rely on clean air, safe water, and the long-term integrity of their environment.

Sean Kirby, the Executive Director of the Mining Association of Nova Scotia, recently said in a CBC interview that “*most*” uranium operations today do not use tailings ponds, and that “*some*” are mechanized to the point where workers are not directly exposed to radioactive materials. While these developments may be promising from a technological standpoint, “*most*” and “*some*” are not good enough for Nova Scotians—especially not for communities that would bear the brunt of the risk.

We are being asked to gamble with people's health, property values, and the ecosystems of our lakes based on industry assurances that are not universally applicable. Even with advances in mining technology, the uranium industry is still known for significant health and environmental risks—especially for surrounding communities. Any mining activity near where people live must be approached with the utmost caution, rigorous oversight, and transparency.

We are not opposed to responsible development or increasing the province's GDP. However, if the time ever comes to move forward with uranium mining in

this area, it must be done **safely, ethically, and with full community involvement**. Furthermore, the communities closest to the mining operations—those who are shouldering the risks to health, environment, and property—should be entitled to **greater shares of the benefits**, whether through direct financial compensation, infrastructure investment, or enhanced public services.

We urge you and your government to:

1. **Maintain the ban** on uranium mining until truly independent health, environmental, and economic impact assessments are conducted with full public consultation.
2. **Guarantee** that any future decision-making process will prioritize **public health and environmental protection** over corporate interests.
3. **Ensure** that communities affected by any future mining operations receive a **fair share of the economic benefits** and are **not left to bear the consequences alone**.

Nova Scotia has a chance to lead—not just in economic growth, but in responsible, community-centered governance. Please don't let short-term industry gains compromise the long-term health and integrity of our communities.

Thank you,

Kimberley & Stuart Hawker