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Dear Chana Ross,

As Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, I would like to respond to your correspondence on the planned introduction of a provincial Non-Resident Property Tax and Deed Transfer Tax.

On May 5, 2022, it was announced that the Non-Resident Property Tax would not be moving forward, while the Non-Resident Deed Transfer Tax would be implemented as planned.

Housing affordability and availability remains a vital concern for many Nova Scotians, and they are competing against non-residents who are buying second homes and income properties. This has contributed to a reduction in housing supply and significant price increases.

I thank you for sharing your views about the Non-resident Property Tax and Deed Transfer Tax. It is important that our government receives input on taxation and other policy matters, especially from those who are impacted directly or indirectly. We must ensure our system of taxation is fair and capable of supporting services for the public, including people who do not reside here.

Sincerely yours,

Minister of Finance and Treasury Board