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Dear Mayor Zebian and councillors,

I'm writing as a local voice against uranium exploration and mining in Nova Scotia. In particular, I'm alarmed by the speed with which our provincial government is trying to rush through approvals of such projects, immediately after overturning the ban against them that Nova Scotians fought so hard for.

The Progressive Conservatives' rushing of the entire process—from lifting the ban to issuing the RFP to anticipating contracts—appears designed to minimize public awareness and avoid public opposition. This lack of respect for democratic process, constituents, First Nations, protected areas, and the environment is unacceptable.

Uranium exploration and mining have been banned not only in British Columbia and Quebec, but also in New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Kyrgyzstan, Virginia, and parts of Arizona, Ireland, and Australia. Significant environmental, health, and safety risks will be directly caused by these proposed projects, and they will last for thousands of years. All of our local waterways would become untrustworthy as soon as mining begins. And dust from an open-pit mine would contaminate the air in a 400-km radius, poisoning everyone in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and PEI. This is not the way we want to be economically independent.

As well, the main reasons anyone would want to buy uranium in the first place are to produce nuclear weapons or nuclear power, both of which doom future generations to interminable radiation and war, rather than creating a sustainable green economy for their health and prosperity. In short, uranium is dangerous to have around at all, it is incredibly destructive to get out of the ground, and there is no morally legitimate need for it.

The province seems set on pushing this work through as quickly as possible, against the wishes of the citizens whose lives it will impact the most. That means it will fall on municipal governments to put the brakes on. I call on you to represent the people of West Hants by opposing this recent turn of events and helping us demand an immediate province-wide reinstatement of the ban on uranium extraction.

Respectfully yours,
Andrew Glencross
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