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Premier Tim Houston
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Dear Premier Houston,

We are days away from the possible imposition of widespread tariffs on Canadian goods. Nova Scotia exported more than \$4 billion worth of goods to the U.S. last year; tariffs will wreak havoc on many Nova Scotian industries and have devastating impacts on thousands of workers across the province.

Nova Scotians need to know how your government plans to support their industry and communities if these tariffs come into effect. While other provinces have formed U.S. Trade Councils, War Rooms, and Roundtables and have communicated possible responses that have come into shape, Nova Scotians have heard nothing of substance from you regarding your government's response to this very real threat.

We urge you to immediately strike a task force that includes key stakeholders, such as labour unions, Indigenous organizations and business leaders, to develop a plan to help workers and protect local economies and jobs. Workers from the industries that are the most affected, such as forestry, manufacturing, and seafood, must be part of the decision-making process.

Mr. Houston, we have known about the threat of tariffs for months, but we still have yet to hear how your government is planning to mitigate the impact on our economy, industries, and people. The livelihoods of Nova Scotian workers and communities are at stake.

Time is of the essence. The only way we can face this challenge is by working together. It's time for you to put divisive politics aside and act now.

Sincerely,



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