



Tim Houston, Premier  
cc: Government House Leader Brendan Maguire

March 5, 2025

Dear Premier,

We are writing to you to formally request your presence with Intergovernmental Affairs staff at the Committee of the Whole House on Supply on Friday, March 7th.

Given the unprecedented 25 percent tariffs imposed on Canadian imports from President Trump, Nova Scotians are facing an increasingly precarious and stressful situation. You and your ministers have made it clear that the Premier's Office and IGA are leading the response to these tariffs. Now that you've returned from Ontario, it is imperative that Nova Scotians hear from you directly.

We have already heard from people across the province who are worried about what these financial measures may mean for their paycheques, their expenses and their families. As you know many Nova Scotians are already struggling with the high costs of housing, utilities and groceries – the last thing they need is another financial burden.

We have seen the people of this province pull together to support local producers and local small businesses because that's who we are: we come together as one province and take care of each other when times are hard. We all have a special interest in seeing our province succeed and New Democrats are committed to ensuring all Nova Scotians can weather this economic storm.

Therefore, it is imperative that you respond to the questions people have about their increasingly uncertain future, address some of the recent decisions taken by your government and lay out the plans to respond beyond just a contingency in the budget. As you are likely aware, hundreds of Nova Scotians gathered outside Province House this afternoon to express their frustration with policies and practices your government has announced and implemented during this legislative session.

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We hope you will agree that the people of our province deserve a meaningful plan to protect their families and our traditional industries from the impacts of tariffs, and honest answers about your government's disquieting legislative agenda and how it may harm our efforts to move forward together as a province.

Sincerely,

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Claudia Chender  
Leader of the Official Opposition

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Lisa Lachance  
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