

April 16, 2008



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Dear Mr. McNeil:

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia, we are writing to encourage your party to support the proposed Repeal of the Tourist Accommodation Act being brought forth in the spring Legislature.

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We urge you to support resolution of this issue and allow for the Tourist Accommodation Act to be repealed so that both industry and government can move forward and work together on issues that will enhance the competitive position of Nova Scotia in the global tourism market.

Sincerely,


Darlene Grant Fiander
President

cc TIANS Board of Directors:

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April 17, 2008

Mr. Darrel Dexter, MLA
Nova Scotia New Democratic Party Leader
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Dear Mr. Dexter:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia, we are writing to encourage your party to support the proposed Repeal of the Tourist Accommodation Act being brought forth in the spring Legislature.

We have recently met with MLA's Michelle Raymond and Leonard Preyra, along with NDP researcher Lori Errington, to update them on TIANS efforts over the past two years to see a resolution on this issue.

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