

Petition with respect to Bill 63: Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act

Whereas Bill 63 has created a Housing Task Force made up of 5 unelected members; **and,**
Whereas Bill 63 allows the Housing Task Force to meet behind closed doors rendering the criteria for housing project approvals inaccessible to the public; **and,**
Whereas Bill 63 strips away democratic engagement, public consultation and transparency in decision-making with regard to the housing development projects approved under this Act; **and,**
Whereas Bill 63 gives the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs the power to make binding decisions on development in the Halifax Regional Municipality; **and,**
Whereas Bill 63 sets a dangerous precedent for any municipality in Nova Scotia

We the undersigned call on the Government of Nova Scotia to:

- **stop** all developments approved under this Bill (nine Special Planning Areas) until independent environmental assessments are carried out on all projects and in full consultation with, and to the satisfaction of, the surrounding communities.
- **revoke** the \$22 million in forgivable loans, assigned to Clayton Developments for the construction of 373 “affordable” units and distribute these funds over organizations that are true advocates for affordable housing. This means housing based on income and not on market value.
- **reinstate** the democratic process of public engagement, transparency and accountability in all development projects in the Province of Nova Scotia.

Date	Name	Address	Signature