



VISION ACTION BAILLIE

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Mr. Glenn Davis
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Atlantic Chamber of Commerce
Via email: glenn@atlanticchamber.ca

Dear Mr. Davis,

I am pleased to respond to your questionnaire as follows:

Government's role in supporting economic growth should be to create an environment that allows businesses to compete and grow. If elected, what would your government do to support increased trade and investment in terms of:

- a. competitive tax environment

Jamie Baillie and the Nova Scotia PC party are presenting an optimistic, pro-growth agenda that focuses on rebuilding our province, creating jobs and getting Nova Scotians back to work.

A PC government will make life more affordable by raising the Basic Personal Amount by up to \$3,000 for people with incomes below \$75,000. This one move will cut taxes for 500,000 Nova Scotians.

The Progressive Conservative Party also believes job creators should be able to earn a tax break. That's why we will make real tax relief available to all businesses that create new jobs in our province. We will create an Earned Tax Relief program that will provide an incentive for successful companies to invest more and create jobs in Nova Scotia. By creating new jobs, Nova Scotia businesses can earn their way to a lower corporate tax rate. This lower rate would make Nova Scotia the most competitive place in Canada to create jobs.

We believe Nova Scotians already pay too much tax. We will not allow new tolls to be added on Nova Scotia roads and highways and a Progressive Conservative government will not impose a carbon tax.

- b. trade-enabling infrastructure

Over the next four years, a Progressive Conservative government will invest \$1 Billion more in critical Nova Scotia Infrastructure priorities. We'll use our investment to access funds available from the federal government to increase the total investment to \$2B. We'll create thousands of jobs in the process and maintain a balanced budget. The PC jobs plan will grow the economy and create jobs by investing in roads, bridges and other public infrastructure. We will do this while anchoring the province's debt to GDP ratio at the current level.

As Premier, Jamie Baillie will personally oversee the Rebuild Nova Scotia Fund as his own Infrastructure Minister. Too often, government projects go over budget and no one is held accountable. A Progressive Conservative government will automatically conduct an internal audit when a project goes more than 10 per cent over budget and hold those responsible accountable.

c. service effectiveness

A Jamie Baillie government will reduce the paperwork burden on small and medium-sized businesses to make it easier for business owners to hire workers. We will set clear targets for red tape reduction with the goal of cutting two existing regulations for every new one introduced.

To back up what we say, a new Progressive Conservative government will put in place strong accountability measures that you can count on to get the job done. Things like:

- Fixed election dates within our first six months in office
- A complete review and public report by the Auditor General of the province's books, six months before the election. Never again will a new government say they didn't know the state of the books
- Independent costing of party platforms by the Auditor General.

d. support for innovation

To support new and high-paying jobs, we will require universities to focus on innovation and job creation opportunities. A PC government will encourage more applied research on Nova Scotia's economic and social problems, programs to address job market needs and the commercialization of research and intellectual property development.

e. workforce attraction and retention

Nova Scotia needs more people to boost our population and increase the province's economic potential. We will work with local businesses to expand the Provincial Nominee Program and partner with Ottawa to increase the number of skilled immigrants coming to our province.

A Progressive Conservative Government will pressure Ottawa to help with the long-term costs of settling more refugees in Nova Scotia. The federal Liberals provide financial assistance to refugees for one year. We will work with other provinces to ensure support for refugees continues past 12 months.

We will also bring Vocational Training back to high schools to make sure young people can seize opportunities of a more prosperous Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,



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