CALL ON GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA TO PROTECT OUR AGRICULTURE LAND & FOOD SAFETY

Whereas:
Most sewage sludge (biosolids) while treated contain heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, persistent organic chemicals, and other hospital and industrial waste products that are not removed during sewage treatment processes and are known to have immediate and long-term adverse effects on the environment and on human and livestock health contributing further to the economic burden of health care costs;

And Whereas:
Toxins found in sewage sludge despite stabilization treatment can remain in the soil for generations, contaminating and degrading agricultural resources and groundwater supplies and contributing to economic losses for farmers and rural communities;

And Whereas:
On October 29th, 2009, the Municipality of Kings County was the first to support a ban on the application of sewage sludge to its lands, based on potential threats to the health and well-being of residents;

And Whereas:
The Government of Nova Scotia has the authority and responsibility to create a secure and sustainable future for its citizens and can uphold the decision of any Municipal Council to disallow biosolids being spread on lands within their county if residents and members of council support such a ban.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, RESIDENTS OF NOVA SCOTIA, RESPECTFULLY PETITION THE GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA TO DECLARE AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF SEWAGE SLUDGE (BIOSOLIDS) ON NOVA SCOTIA LANDS AND TO ADOPT WITH MINIMUM DELAY SAFE OPTIONS FOR SEWAGE SLUDGE DISPOSAL OR DESTRUCTION.

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