

# *Nova Scotia* **First.**

Nova Scotia  
**Liberal Party Platform**

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# Nova Scotia **First**

As Nova Scotians we share the same concerns. We want the very best for our children, a good paying job, a dignified retirement and hope for the future. We want our government to spend wisely, in an open manner and restore the trust that is needed for us to succeed.

There is much work to be done. But every day, I am inspired by the optimism and determination of Nova Scotians. They are working hard to create jobs, find solutions and make life better in their own communities.

I believe in Nova Scotia and under my leadership, a Liberal government will stand with Nova Scotians. We will provide strong, clear leadership and a path forward that is based on harnessing the potential of our province and its people.

A Liberal government will:

- Stand up to Nova Scotia Power and implement energy solutions that benefit Nova Scotians, instead of the monopoly's bottom line.
- Get Nova Scotia back to work by making it easier for businesses to grow, prosper and create the jobs we need.
- Get our province's finances under control and treat taxpayers' dollars with integrity after years of corporate handouts.
- Invest in our future by reinvesting in education after years of devastating NDP cuts.
- Create a more accessible and responsive health care system that puts the needs of patients first.
- Invest in our communities so that seniors, people with disabilities and those in need get the services and care they require.

We can't leave it up to chance. We can't continue to look to others to solve our problems. This is our time and that starts with a government that is willing to make you a priority.

It's time for honesty and character.

It's time for strong leadership and a clear plan for the future.

It's time to invest in our province, in each other and in our children.

It's time to put Nova Scotia first.

Please join us,



**Stephen McNeil**, Leader  
Nova Scotia Liberal Party

“  
*Nova Scotia needs jobs,  
not corporate welfare.*”

# Economic Development – We need to get to **work**

Thousands of Nova Scotians lost their jobs while the NDP continued to give one handout after another to big business. Time and time again, the NDP have made desperate attempts to appease corporate interests, continually throwing good money after bad. Nearly one billion dollars later, the people of Nova Scotia have nothing to show for it but dubious mega-projects, layoffs and fading industries. This approach of government picking winners and losers hasn't worked in the past, and it won't work in the future.

Old habits die hard in government and, because of decades of this failed approach, government now assumes that they are the first-stop shop when it comes to subsidies to individual corporations and bail-outs to industries in decline.

This has to stop. We need to put the priorities of regular Nova Scotians first. We need to create a competitive economic environment focused on growing good, sustainable jobs. We need to ensure that government becomes the lender of last resort. And we need to do it now.

Government cannot solve this alone, but it can lead the way forward with: a new vision; economic innovation; harnessing research; maximizing comparative advantages; eliminating barriers to competitiveness; and finally, getting government out of the way of business.

A Liberal government will end the practice of picking winners and losers and will focus on sector development. Instead of writing blank cheques to large corporations, we will refocus attention on small businesses, offering supports and incentives to help them grow their operations. Nova Scotians have pride in their businesses — it's time government did as well.

## A fair and competitive business environment to unlock Nova Scotia's entrepreneurial spirit

A Liberal government will create a fair and competitive environment for business by engaging in a responsible and comprehensive review of taxes, regulations and fees, guided by the principles of simplicity and fairness. All regulations will be tested for their efficiency and effectiveness. Regulations that protect Nova Scotians will be strengthened; wasteful and redundant regulations will be cut.

## Keep our best and brightest here in Nova Scotia

Businesses need workers, and recent graduates and skilled workers need experience. A Liberal government will support young graduates to develop the necessary skills and gain experience in their fields by:

- Refocusing incentives on getting young Nova Scotians into the workforce by creating the "Graduate to Opportunity Program."
- Expanding apprenticeship opportunities in the province by allowing more apprentices to work under a single journeyman so we can keep our skilled workers in Nova Scotia.
- Modernizing the apprenticeship system and increasing flexibility so apprentices can earn hours out of province and access block training more easily.
- Ensuring all Nova Scotians have access to a portable private pension plan.

## Yarmouth Ferry

The Liberal Party fought hard to have the ferry service reinstated after the NDP cut the vital link to the United States and turned their back on South Western Nova Scotia. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure the ferry service is operational in the Spring of 2014, and that the service remains sustainable for generations to come.

## Help Nova Scotia business grow

A Liberal government will give businesses better access to the capital they need to expand their operations and reinvest in their communities by:

- Providing targeted incentives to entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- Working with small business owners to access new export markets, develop new innovative products and help grow the workforce in local communities.
- Increasing loan term guarantees under the Credit Union Small Business Loan Program from 75% to 90%.
- Expanding the Equity Tax Credit for eligible small businesses.

## Improve accountability for government loans to business

Businesses must be allowed to prosper in Nova Scotia — but not at the expense of Nova Scotians. We propose a more responsible approach to working with businesses by attaching job guarantees to repayable loans and keeping the entire process transparent through public reporting.

# Immigration – **Expanding** our horizons

## “Nova Scotia must control its own destiny.”

A Liberal government will create the Premier’s Immigration Advisory Council, which will be made up of Nova Scotian immigrants who have experienced our immigration system. The Council will bring forward concerns and solutions on immigration issues, to improve Nova Scotia’s attraction and retention of immigrants.

At a time when the Harper government is downloading additional costs onto Nova Scotia, they are unwilling to cease control of immigration or increase the cap on our Provincial Nominee Program. A Liberal government will stand up to Ottawa to make sure that we can:

- Open Nova Scotia up for business growth by expanding our Provincial Nominee Program to include an Entrepreneur Stream, which will strengthen our economy and create business opportunities for all Nova Scotians.
- Keep the doors open for future international business opportunities by creating an International Alumni Connector Program to network with the 6,300 international students who attend our universities annually.
- Open the door to future business and recruitment opportunities by creating a Nova Scotia Connect Program to network with Nova Scotians who have moved out of the province to study or for employment.

*We will not harm the education and safety of your children to meet misguided political promises, as the NDP has done for four years.*

## Balanced Budget and Taxation – **Responsibility first**

**“We will not harm the education and safety of your children to meet misguided political promises, as the NDP has done for four years.”**

Years of mismanagement and fuzzy math by the NDP have left our province’s finances uncertain. The NDP have delivered deficit after deficit, and this year’s election budget is no different. A Liberal government will:

- Perform a full audit of the provincial finances and implement a fiscally responsible plan to deliver a balanced budget quickly and prudently.
- Conduct a broad review of our tax system to formulate a plan to give as much money back to Nova Scotians and their businesses as possible.
- Upon reaching sufficient budget surplus, we will reduce the HST.
- Maintain all current HST exemptions.

To achieve sustainable growth, we need to stop moving from one failed political promise to the next and start investing in our people with a long-term plan.

# Energy – It's time to **stand up** to Nova Scotia Power

**“We will break Nova Scotia Power’s monopoly and put Nova Scotia first.”**

The power monopoly in Nova Scotia is hurting households and businesses alike. The NDP Government has issued blank cheques to these companies to fund multibillion-dollar mega-projects, which you’ll be committed to for decades, instead of looking for solutions that make sense for Nova Scotia.

Enough is enough.

You deserve a government that will stand up to Nova Scotia Power and fight for fairness and choice by looking for long-term solutions that benefit you, not the boardroom.

*We will break Nova Scotia Power's monopoly and put Nova Scotia first.*

## Break Nova Scotia Power's Monopoly

A Liberal government will give you choice by breaking Nova Scotia Power's monopoly and creating a heavily regulated, competitive market. This will stabilize and eventually drive down energy prices, much the same way breaking the phone monopoly drove down monthly phone rates.

You'll be able to choose who you get your power from, including getting it directly from local providers of renewable energy. Regulated power companies will be compelled to compete for your business by keeping their rates low. It's a solution that puts you first.

## Make Nova Scotia Power pay for the Efficiency Tax

We support Efficiency Nova Scotia, but we're not in favour of making you pay an NDP tax for programs that many of you can't afford to access.

By forcing Nova Scotia Power to pay for Efficiency Nova Scotia, we'll save you \$46 million per year, while we strengthen energy efficiency programs and ensure that you see real, measurable results.

## Stop asking Nova Scotians to fund Nova Scotia Power's Profits

We have urged the Utility and Review Board to refuse Nova Scotia Power's return on investment of more than 9% annually and reduce the rate of return. It's time to tell Nova Scotia Power to look inward for their own savings.

# Education – **Investing** in Nova Scotia's future

**“Education isn't a line item in a budget, it's our future.”**

The NDP have made more than \$65 million in short-sighted cuts to public education: slashing student supports, putting an unrealistic burden on teachers and costing 1100 Nova Scotians their jobs. What the NDP fail to realize is that education is the engine that will drive our economy in the years to come. Today's students are tomorrow's entrepreneurs, innovators and skilled workers.

If we are going to put Nova Scotia First, we need a bold vision for education. Our children deserve it.

## Reinvigorate the curriculum

There has not been a comprehensive curriculum review in this province for 25 years. A Liberal government will undertake a full review with a Blue Ribbon panel of experts to find out what is working and what isn't. The world has changed a lot in 25 years — our education system must adapt. Students need to earn achievements, see the value of their efforts, and be taught by teachers who can focus on teaching.



*Education isn't a line item in a budget, it's our future.*



## Create classrooms that meet the needs of all our students

A Liberal government would ensure that our students get a strong foundation in literacy, numeracy and creative thinking by:

- Creating class caps of 20 students for grades primary to two and class caps of 25 for grades three to six, so teachers can teach, and students can get the attention they need.
- Increasing support for students with special needs by reinvesting in education assistants, speech language pathologists and psychologists.
- Creating Student Support Grants that will allow school communities to tailor services and programming at a local level to improve student success, which will help address fundraising pressures facing many parents and schools.

## Increase support for Early Intervention Programs

Early Intervention Programs are under-funded. Parents of pre-school children with special needs, including autism, face waitlists for critical services. A Liberal government will invest in direct services for families in need to eliminate the waitlists and make sure children get the help they require to succeed.

## Invest in advanced education

Nova Scotia is blessed with outstanding post-secondary institutions that graduate students from across the province and around the world — students whose skills, talents and knowledge are needed in our province. Whereas the NDP Government charges students on their loans and gives blank cheques to corporations, a Liberal government recognizes our post-secondary graduates are the key to Nova Scotia's success. A Liberal government will:

- Eliminate the interest on the provincial portion of student loans to help graduates succeed as they enter the workforce, rather than be burdened by debt.
- Create graduate scholarships for research and innovation to build research capacity in Nova Scotia.

## Autism in Nova Scotia

A Liberal government will commit to reviewing all 53 recommendations of the 2010 report "Lifespan Needs for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder" developed by The Autism Management Advisory Team in order to best address the needs of Nova Scotians living with autism and their families.

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*We'll put patients first by spending our health care dollars in emergency rooms not boardrooms.*  
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# Health Care – Putting patients **first**

Our province's health care system is at a critical crossroads. Despite commitments made by previous NDP and PC governments to improve wait times in our health care system, wait times continue to grow. We need a government that will begin to develop solutions so all Nova Scotians get the care they need when they need it.

We need to streamline administration so you can access treatment faster. We need to ensure that Nova Scotians have access to programs, services and health care professionals to prevent and manage chronic disease so hospital admissions can be reduced. And when patients end up in hospitals, we need to make sure they return home as quickly as possible.

A Liberal government will do what it takes so that our health care system puts patients first.

## Reduce wait times

According to the most recent data, 9 out of 10 patients wait 20 months for a knee replacement and 17 months for a hip replacement. These wait times are the worst in the country. Wait times for other surgeries also require action.

For too many years, the NDP and the PCs have neglected our health care system and have failed to provide leadership and vision. A Liberal government will address wait times by:

- Reinvesting in frontline health care by reducing the number of CEOs and Vice Presidents and reducing the District Health Authorities from 10 to 2.
- Improving community-based decision making and ensuring decisions are made locally.
- Giving patients the option to travel to facilities in Nova Scotia where they can access care faster.
- Developing a province-wide surgical plan for Nova Scotia to make sure we are using all our health care assets in the most efficient way possible and in a way that puts your care first.
- Meeting the national standard of 6 months for hip and knee replacements.
- Establishing a Chronic Disease Innovation Fund to improve patient outcomes for individuals with chronic disease, reducing the strain on our emergency rooms and putting health care back in the community.
- Reducing ER and physician visits by committing to fund Insulin Pumps up to the age of 25.

## Ensure a doctor for every Nova Scotian

Far too many Nova Scotians don't have access to a family physician, leaving many without care and putting added strain on our emergency rooms. A Liberal government will immediately provide up to \$120,000 in tuition relief to 25 new doctors per year for four years, in exchange for a five-year commitment to practice in under-serviced communities in Nova Scotia.

In addition, we will appoint an expert Physician Recruitment and Retention Action Team so that Nova Scotia is able to competitively recruit new doctors and keep the ones we have.

## Supporting our nurses

Since coming to power, the NDP has failed to update the Nova Scotia Nursing Strategy. A Liberal government will work with the Provincial Nursing Network to review and update the strategy and focus our existing financial resources on a plan that will retain nursing graduates as well as experienced nurses.

## Supporting our seniors

As our population ages there will be additional pressures on our health care system. We need to work together with health care providers and Nova Scotians to turn our challenges into solutions. A Liberal government will:

- Immediately begin to work on evaluating, updating and implementing the Continuing Care Strategy to ensure it meets our long-term needs.
- Develop a provincial Dementia Strategy to reduce wait times, provide support for caregivers and ensure people remain independent for as long as possible.

# Community Services – Stronger families, **stronger** communities

**“A strong Nova Scotia needs strong communities.”**

If we're going to put Nova Scotia First, we need to care for our citizens. Affordable housing and support for families are not luxuries — they are a moral responsibility. We want to make sure that those who need help get it, and those best able to help have the resources they need.

## Ensure all federal housing dollars are spent on affordable housing

Over 1,700 families and 2,500 seniors are waiting for affordable housing. Funds from the Social Housing Agreement are waiting to be spent. We must act now — new affordable housing units and renovations to existing public housing will provide badly needed homes and stimulate the economy through new construction work and other related jobs.



*A strong Nova Scotia needs strong communities.*



## Create and appoint an accountable board for the Nova Scotia Housing Development Corporation

A Liberal government will bring accountability to affordable housing projects. With an accountable body made up of community members and affordable housing stakeholders, decisions can be better made based on need and resources available, rather than politics and polls.

## Increase support for Senior Citizens Assistance Program

Senior Citizens Assistance Program will be increased to assist an additional 450 seniors annually to remain in their homes.

## Increase support for Family Resource Centres

Family Resource Centres provide valuable services, such as early education and parenting support, and act as a gateway for families seeking government services. Making sure these centres have the funding they need to serve their communities will give infants and children the best possible start in life.

## Invest in Transition Houses, Women's Centres and 2nd Stage Housing Organizations

Too often these important organizations are asked to do more with less, and there has not been an increase in funding to do the work needed to address domestic violence, sexual assault and other pressing issues in our community. Basic operational costs to these organizations have risen, yet their budgets have remained the same adding excess strain to organizations whose work is vitally important.

A Liberal government will commit to:

- Giving these programs increased support, and the ability to make long-range plans to help vulnerable women and children.
- Developing a multi-year sexual assault strategy focusing on prevention and victims' services.

## Develop multi-year funding agreements with Not-For-Profit Organizations

NPOs fulfill a valuable role in our province, providing direct help to those in need. We want to help them focus on planning and hands-on program delivery instead of paperwork. Having multi-year funding agreements from the province may make it easier for them to leverage funding from other levels of government and plan for larger scale projects.

*We will strengthen communities by improving accessibility.*

# Creating a fair and **independent** Nova Scotia

Putting Nova Scotia first means we must take care of all Nova Scotians. A more accessible province where seniors and people with disabilities can participate fully in society is good for communities, businesses and our healthcare system.

## Put fairness and accessibility first

We want all Nova Scotians to be independent and able to enjoy the highest possible quality of life. A Liberal government will:

- Increase funding for the Community Transportation Assistance Program so that low-income Nova Scotians, seniors and people with disabilities can access services.
- Create a more accessible Nova Scotia for persons with disabilities by appointing an Accessibility Advisory Committee with a mandate and strict timeline to develop accessibility legislation for Nova Scotia.

# Public Transit – **Linking** communities

**“Nova Scotians need reliability and access when it comes to public transit.”**

Successive Conservative and NDP governments have failed to adequately invest in public transit and sustainable transportation. With a Liberal government, Nova Scotia’s municipalities will have a willing partner to establish and grow transit options.

A Liberal government will implement a provincial transportation strategy by:

- Working with municipal government and industry in public transit decision-making.
- Invest in capital region public transit.
- Invest in public transit and community-based transit outside the capital region.

## Tourism — Bringing the world to Nova Scotia

Tourism is the main economic driver in many communities in Nova Scotia — it is crucial to the economy. A Liberal government will work with industry officials, stakeholders and businesses to revive and grow our tourism industry. We will direct marketing dollars to support tourism infrastructure, highlight our iconic Nova Scotia sites and seek out new markets. A Liberal government is committed to:

- Working to ensure the ferry service between Southwest Nova Scotia and New England is operational in the Spring of 2014.
- Continuing to promote Cape Breton as one of the top tourist destinations in the world.
- Promoting Halifax as a thriving multicultural experience for tourists and as one of the main arrival points in Nova Scotia.
- Improving signage across Nova Scotia to ensure tourists are able to access all Nova Scotia has to offer.

## Fisheries — Working hard for the fishing industry of tomorrow

Our fisheries have been the cornerstone of Nova Scotia for hundreds of years. It has been the economic strength for many communities in our province and today is no different. A Liberal government will work together with our fishing industries and produce an advanced profile for Nova Scotia goods in wholesale, retail and foodservice markets.

A Liberal government will:

- Fund additional value-added research and development.
- Work with industry stakeholders to enhance processing capacity in Nova Scotia.
- Complete the comprehensive study on aquaculture regulations.

A Liberal government, working with fishers, buyers and processors to create a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the lobster industry, will create a Lobster Marketing Board with a mandate to:

- Focus on national and international expansion.
- Encourage development of lobster value-added products.
- Work to ensure reasonable return on investment for the industry.

## Agriculture — A viable and sustainable future

Our agricultural industries are a key driver in rural economic development in Nova Scotia. We offer an ever-widening variety of products to the world. A Liberal government will make our agricultural industries viable and sustainable, taking advantage of homegrown ideas and greener technologies. We know the importance of buying local.

A Liberal government will:

- Work with industry stakeholders to create a provincial agricultural land preservation plan complemented with easements through an Agricultural Land Trust.
- Re-establish a land drainage program that will re-introduce thousands of hectares of lowland back into production.
- Work with stakeholders to create a strategic plan that will increase the number of new farmers entering the industry.
- Enhance and expand the Agriculture in the Classroom Program — today's students become tomorrow's consumers. When students learn about the importance of agriculture, they not only make healthier food choices, they also become more aware of the importance of supporting our local economy.

We believe in 'buying local' and supporting Nova Scotia's small businesses and processing sectors.

A Liberal government will make certain local products are present in our academic and health care facilities. We will work with municipalities, academic institutions, schools and hospitals to expand homegrown products in our establishments, providing healthy food to Nova Scotians and a healthy business environment for local farmers.

## Environment — Protecting our most valuable resources

Liberals know the environment is important to Nova Scotians. That's why we support the protection of land. We're also committed to allowing renewable energy producers to sell directly to customers. More renewable energy means less greenhouse gas emissions and increased economic development in Nova Scotia.

We're committed to ensuring our environment stays healthy and vibrant for this generation and the next. A Liberal government will:

- Support innovation, research and development in green industries.
- Work with Efficiency Nova Scotia on programs to make sure our province reduces its environmental footprint to reduce energy costs to consumers.

## Fracking Moratorium

Liberals believe in the right to safe drinking water and a clean and safe environment. That is why we introduced legislation that would place a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until and unless an independent, scientific review shows that fracking can be done safely given Nova Scotia's geology.

The NDP opposed the moratorium, while Conservatives permitted fracking in Nova Scotia. Liberals opposed the importation of fracking waste to Nova Scotia that the NDP allowed.

We will prohibit the importation of fracking waste from other jurisdictions and ensure the analysis of fracking risks, including the impact on drinking water, is independent of government.

## Arts and Culture — Strengthening Nova Scotia's heart and soul

A Liberal government will strengthen Arts and Culture and will continue to support our thriving cultural industries by:

- Implementing a Sound Recording Tax Credit.
- Extending the Film Tax Credit and the Digital Media Tax Credit for an additional 5-year period.
- Streamlining the Film Tax Credit and Digital Media Tax Credit application and approval process.

	CURRENT	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	COST	
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - WE NEED TO GET TO WORK</b>						
Graduate To Opportunity Program		X	X	X	6,500,000	
Expand apprenticeship opportunities	X	X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
Modernizing apprenticeship system	X	X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
Expand Credit Union Small Business Loan Program	X	X	X	X	-	No Cost
Expand the Equity Tax Credit		X	X	X	1,000,000	
Improve accountability for government loans to businesses	X	X	X	X	(10,000,000)	Savings
Appoint a Premier's Immigration Advisory Council	X	X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
Entrepreneur stream - Provincial Nominee Program		X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
International Alumni Connector Program		X	X	X	50,000	
Nova Scotia Connect Program		X	X	X	50,000	
Fund the Yarmouth ferry	X	X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
<b>STANDING UP TO NOVA SCOTIA POWER</b>						
Break Nova Scotia Power's monopoly		X	X	X	-	No Cost
Make Nova Scotia Power pay for the NDP Efficiency Tax		X	X	X	-	No Cost
Reduce Nova Scotia Power's rate of return		X	X	X	-	No Cost
<b>EDUCATION - INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE</b>						
Comprehensive curriculum review	X	X	X	X		
Class caps grades primary to grade 6		X	X	X		
Increase supports for students with special needs		X	X	X		
Student Support Grants		X	X	X		
<b>Total P to 12 Education Commitment</b>					65,000,000	
Increase support for Early Intervention Programs		X	X	X	2,600,000	
Eliminate the interest on the provincial portion of student loans		X	X	X	2,500,000	
Graduate scholarships for innovation and research		X	X	X	3,700,000	

	CURRENT	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	COST	
<b>HEALTH - PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST</b>						
Reduce the number DHA's from 10 to 2			X	X	(13,000,000)	Savings
Develop a province wide surgical plan	X	X	X	X	-	No Cost
Meet the national standard of 6 months for hip and knee replacements		X	X	X	8,100,000	
Establish a Chronic Disease Innovation Fund		X	X	X	300,000	
Insulin pumps for young adults up to 25 years of age			X	X	2,000,000	
Ensure a doctor for every Nova Scotian		X	X	X	3,000,000	
Appoint a Physician Recruitment and Retention Action Team	X	X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
Supporting nurses	X	X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
Update and implement the Continuing Care Strategy	X	X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
Develop a Dementia Strategy		X	X	X	50,000	
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES - STRONGER FAMILIES, STRONGER COMMUNITIES</b>						
Ensure all federal housing dollars are invested		X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
Create and appoint an accountable board for the Nova Scotia Housing Development Corp.	X	X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
Increase support for Seniors Citizens Assistance Program		X	X	X	3,000,000	
Increase support for Family Resource Centres		X	X	X	2,000,000	
Invest in transition houses, women's centres and 2nd stage housing organizations		X	X	X	500,000	
Develop a multi year sexual assault strategy	X	X	X	X	2,000,000	
Develop multi-year funding agreements for not-for-profit Organizations			X	X	-	No Cost
<b>CREATING A FAIR AND INDEPENDENT NOVA SCOTIA</b>						
Community Transportation Assistance Program		X	X	X	500,000	
Accessibility legislation	X	X	X	X	-	No Cost

	CURRENT	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	COST	
<b>PUBLIC TRANSIT - LINKING COMMUNITIES</b>						
Investment in capital region public transit (HRM)		X	X	X	2,000,000	
Investment in public transit and community based transit (outside capital region)		X	X	X	1,000,000	
<b>PRIMARY INDUSTRIES</b>						
Fund value added research and development for fisheries			X	X	-	Existing Funds
Lobster Marketing Board		X	X	X	500,000	
Agriculture land preservation plan		X	X	X	-	No Cost
Re-establish a farm land drainage program			X	X	600,000	
<b>ARTS AND CULTURE</b>						
Sound Recording Tax Credit		X	X	X	750,000	
Film Tax Credit		X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
Digital Media Tax Credit		X	X	X	-	Existing Funds
<b>ADDITIONAL COST SAVINGS</b>						
1% reduction in departmental spending (excluding health, education P-12 and post secondary)		X	X	X	(28,000,000)	Savings
Reduce consulting services		X	X	X	(5,000,000)	Savings
Reduce government advertising		X	X	X	(5,000,000)	Savings
					<b>46,700,000</b>	

  
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