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Good evening,

My name is Nicole Gorman and I am a recent graduate of Dalhousie University. I benefited from the rebate for just one year and it helped me tremendously. I am in student debt up to my ears and cannot afford to move out of my parents house even though I have a full time job. This rebate is key in helping young grads like myself stay afloat and put more money on their student loan to help pay it off quicker. This rebate helps keep students in NS. It was one of my decisions to stay. I love Nova Scotia and I don't want to leave but there seems to be no incentives to stay. It only takes a little bit of help like the rebate to help someone stay in NS. This is An amazing place to live and no one wants to leave but they are forced out by high taxes, no commitment to help students, highest in the country university costs, and no guarantee of a good full time job. Instead of taking this rebate away, the NS government should spend more time promoting it. I know so many students who weren't even aware of it. How can you measure a rebate and it's success in retention if no one knows it even exists!? Invest in our future since we are willing to stay in NS to help this great community. You are just giving us another reason to leave. Also, by offering tax free NS loans is no help. The average student provincial loan in NS is around 1000-2000\$. Sadly I will save 30\$ a year from this tax "savings". Thanks for the 30 bucks NS. I can go out with a coffee cup in traffic and collect more money than that in a day. Every other province and territory in Canada offers a rebate to students. Why should NS be any different????

Thank you for your time and I beg you to reconsider your decision. You would be investing in your community to foster economic growth and a strong return on your investment.

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