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To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
Subject: Plea for Due Process

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am school teacher with the Chignecto Central School Board who is quite frankly in shock with the under handed way our premier is forcing through legislation that has not gone through the bargaining due process. I cannot understand how this draconian legislation has gone as far as it has. The unions of teachers, nurses and our civil services should have every right to negotiate in good faith with the government.

Our school superintendent Gary Adams, was asked to share a letter from Karen Casey to all CCRSB teachers today. She wrote, "The legislation introduced today, Dec. 14, is consistent with the wage increases in the tentative agreement negotiated with the NSTU in November. It does not stop us from returning to the table. Negotiators are currently exploring dates in January to resume collective bargaining." This is NOT what Stephen McNeil is telling us. We are being threatened with legislation either this evening or tomorrow, with absolutely no talk of returning to the bargaining table.

The collective agreement is not just working conditions OR wages, it has always been both, thus the word COLLECTIVE.

My objection is actually not about either wages or working conditions, but about DUE PROCESS and the right to meet at the bargaining table and to negotiate in good faith. Our rights have been denied. Mr. McNeil promised to respect the collective bargaining rights during his election campaign, and now he taking that right from our unions. With 75,000 union members having their rights taken from them, it's not likely this government will find itself elected again in two years time.

Do the right thing and put a stop to this unfair legislation.

Concerned Canadian,

Susan Zurawski