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Subject: Subject: Re: Premier's announcement to recall the legislature 13 February to pass bill to

legislate teachers' contract /work

Law Amendments Committee, Honourable Members,

Surely it can be seen that the education system in NS is broken and in need of an overhaul. Teachers in the classrooms continue to express that what is currently in place in education in NS is not working or meeting the needs of our students. The current Liberal government is not listening, and has persisted in dictating, not negotiating in good faith.

This government needs to treat every students' right for public education and the best learning conditions possible as a provincial asset, toward success of our future citizens, not as a cost. The cost of continual claw backs in educating our children for the sake of a balanced budget, will mark the future of NS.

Passing a Bill to legislate teachers and or their contracts is not going to fix the system. At most, it will push the burden to step up and deal with this fiasco to the next elected government at enormous cost to our children and future citizens, as well as legal costs to pass on to the taxpayers, as recently witnessed in other provinces.

To ignore the democratic rights and freedoms of individual citizens and their right to collectively bargain, and to dictate legislation, is not only careless and unempathetic toward the public servants and citizens of our province, but undemocratic and abhorrent practice for a democratically elected government.

Please do not vote to pass this Bill. I implore you to do the right thing.

Sincerely concerned citizen of Halifax Chebucto, NS,

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