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Sent:

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:36 PM

To:

Office of the Legislative Counsel

Subject:

Teacher Service Award

My questions are respectfully to the legislature:

How can you justify taking away a service award that was negotiated in place of the indexing of the teachers pension?

How can you give \$32.7 million dollars over two years to a ferry and cut a service award (that would be in the place of indexing) from teachers who live and work for years in Nova Scotia?

How can our provincial government justify causing our teachers who faithly serve students, parents, and our province for years of their lives with a future retirement where they will not be able to afford to retire with dignity?...with no indexing (cost of living adjustments) and now no service award to use in its place? (Even big business has increased their pensions in Nova Scotia by 1.4% for 2017 and the government has recognized the need to raise social service payments by 1.7% due to the rise in the cost of living.)

Will Mr. Stephen MacNeil and Mrs. Karen Casey please give up their indexing from all their government pensions to help pay the Nova Scotia debt while we give money to Maine?

Sincerely,

A Nova Scotia Teacher