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**Subject:** Proposed legislation

Good Evening,

I moved to this province 9 years ago to teach and consider Nova Scotia to be my home. Over the last 9 years in this profession, I have watched my job erode beyond measure. Cut backs in materials and staffing, the lack of attendance policy, no class caps in middle and secondary schools and a steady onslaught on "initiatives" that lack teeth and do not make up for the previous shortcomings, are only some of the issues.

While the last tentative agreement made some gains, more money dumped into committees is simply not enough. We want hard class caps and more support, not two days "off." How can we judge if inclusion works or not in an underfunded system?

Legislating a contract on teachers will only further deteriorate our trust in Liberal leadership. It will do nothing to help teachers and students in this province. I remember how excited I was when Karen Casey talked about true reform. I was optimistic for drastic changes to fix our system. Sadly, we were misled and because of the governments bullish ways, teachers are demoralized.

This course of action is simply wrong and cowardly. Teachers are tired of being political pawns with money promised and taken away after the next election. We want real change, now. Go back to the table and truly address our concerns.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Sadler

Sent from my iPhone