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I normally would start a letter like this by addressing it to "whom it may concern" however it's unnecessary as it concerns ALL of us. It has been 19 years since I was in a classroom as a student. I understand that times change, however certain values never should. The rights of our teachers have slowly but surely decreased over the years and when I entered back into the school system 9 years ago as a mother....I was terrified. Even then the classroom sizes were large, the teachers pushed to their limits, and doing their best with the new teaching ways (that I believe have made life so much harder). There was a loss of respect for the teachers. When I was in school and a fellow student was doing poorly, parents had meetings with the teachers to find out what their kid wasn't doing that they should be. Now they have parents meeting with teachers telling them they aren't doing the best for their child. And on more than one occasion that was me as the parent. Frustrated and confused and exhausted. Desperately trying to help my struggling child while struggling myself to understand what the hell I was looking at. This system has been set up for our kids to fail. By literally taking away their ability to fail. When I went to school we knew we had to work our ass off to grade. We put in the work. There was no Internet. There were consequences to our actions. This no child left behind world that is being created is not real life. It's creating a sense of entitlement that has turned the tables where we work for them. How frustrating would it be to be a teacher with a student that can barely do grade 1 math but still pushed through to grade 6 and having parents come at them about not giving their kids the proper foundation. Seriously. But they have put up with it and done their best while watching you all sitting nice and pretty in your homes, signing bills, and ignoring basic human rights. They have watched while money was spent on a boat...while money goes to other countries to "rebuild." And finally they stood up and said wait a minute..we are literally responsible for the minds that will one day be in your seats...we are responsible for the future....literally....and you are wanting us to sit down and keep our mouths closed. So some of the old values are still important to you obviously...like the one when you were told to be seen and not heard. You have stripped teachers of their rights and basically have told them they will be put in a time out, like they are taking a tantrum. But when it's done, nothing will change. Imagine if tables were turned....and I pray to God one day they are....where you are told to be seen and not heard and just sign and do what we the people tell you. While we watch u suffer and struggle while filling our pockets with raises and fixing material things while u sit there begging for help, begging for help to better the future workers and care takers of this awesome province. WE ARE SCOTIAN...we don't stand for this. As a mother, I don't stand for this. You sell your stories of glorious days ahead if we give you our vote while crossing your fingers behind your back like children. This is not just another day at the office for us or for our kids. When I had all of my children I had them with full intentions of giving them a great life. Of teaching them and protecting them and bragging about being a Canadian. ..a maritimer at that! These people are not just taking rights from teachers...that's just the start...They are taking away far more than that. Our way of life is in jeopardy. Our rights and our freedom is in jeopardy. I was always taught to fight for what's right and that staying quiet and being a sheep was not a way to live. To treat people how I want to be treated, and to never step on someone while climbing the ladder as i can pass them on my way back down. I was also taught about karma....and it's a hell of a thing Stephen McNeil!

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