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Re: Bill 75

To whom it may concern.

I am writing today to voice my complete outrage about the way this Liberal government has conducted themselves concerning the teachers of Nova Scotia.

First, "negotiations" were flawed from the very beginning. It is not fair collective bargaining when one side comes in with preconditions and doesn't sway from that. Bill 148 was hung over the heads of the NSTU negotiating committee from the beginning and that is disgraceful.

Second, threatening to legislate a contract in December and then locking out the students was unnecessary and fear mongering on behalf of the Liberal party.

Third, the introduction of bill 75 was a made-up emergency that was not needed. We know the Liberal government is abusing it's power in order to push it through. The Liberal party has a real talent for creating chaos and making the teacher the enemy.

Fourth, voting to prevent the public from speaking at the law amendments committee. This is a right that all citizens of Nova Scotia should have protected and the Liberal government has once again railroaded a democratic right.

This Liberal government has no respect for the rights of Nova Scotians. It is shameful that this government continues to make decisions based on party lines and has completely forgotten why they are in power and who they are supposed to be representing.

I will be one less vote the Liberal party will have once an election is called.

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