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To:

Office of the Legislative Counsel

Subject:

Fwd: Bill 75: Request to Speak before the Law Amendments Committee

To the Office of the Legislative Council,

I, Mark Culligan, resident of Halifax-Citadel-Sable Island, request to speak before the Law Amendments Committee regarding Bill 75.

If my request should not be approved, I put forth the following written submission.

"I am a resident of Halifax-Citadel-Sable Island and I am writing to the Law Amendments Committee to demand that that Committee reject Bill 75 as contrary to the spirit of the Canadian constitution.

The Supreme Court of Canada recognizes that Canadians enjoy a constitutional right to collective bargaining. The right to collective bargaining is a pillar of democracy and civil liberties. To abrogate that right is to abrogate the rule-of-law in this Province.

Bill 75 imposes a contract settlement on members of the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union by denying their fundamental right to collective bargaining or in lieu thereof to binding arbitration. Bill 75 is a gross violation of constitutional liberties and therefore a betrayal of what it means to be Canadian.

As representatives of the people of Nova Scotia, it is your duty to reject Bill 75.

I am deeply disappointed with Liberal members of the legislature for forcing Nova Scotians to remind your obligations as citizens and members of the legislature. You have disrespected teachers, used children as pawns in negotiations, and forced working families to scramble for child care arrangements."