From:

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Sent:

Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:51 AM

To:

Office of the Legislative Counsel

Subject:

Bill 75

Dear ELECTED Officials,

Bill 75 is an infringement on the rights of Teachers in our province. It also does NOTHING to solve the insidious issues of the education system today.

I know over the last few days you have heard stories of physical and verbal abuse that happens in all schools. Yes, every school I have taught in has had situations where teachers, administrators and students have been in harm's way. The daily disruptions are impeding the teaching/learning happening in classrooms. We need smaller classrooms, more support in the way of mental health clinicians, psychologists, and educational assistants. The system is seriously underfunded!!

Nova Scotia and the Maritimes are known to be hardworking, kind folks. We have a long history of standing up for workers' rights.

The Royal Commission on the Relations of Labour and Capital, reported in 1889"The man who sells labor should, in selling it, be on an equality with the man who buys it."

Can you honestly say that the liberals and NSTU came together as equal parties? That they negotiated in good faith with Bill 148 tainting all negotiations? The answer is no. The Supreme Court of Canada will have the final say I guess.

Caper, J.B. McLachlan and Premier Angus L. MacDonald (introduced the first Nova Scotia Trade Union Act (1937), protecting the right to collective bargaining) would be so "DISAPPOINTED" in what the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia is doing to our fine province. I don't think Rita McNeil would be too happy either.

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when noone is watching. Show us your integrity and vote no.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hart Teacher