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To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
Subject: RE:Bill 75

I am a tax paying Nova Scotian and a parent of two school aged children. I have been following the situation with the NSTU in this province and i am ashamed of our government.

Public Workers are the very backbone of our province. They are the gears that make the wheels go round and this government has done nothing but govern with a heavy and hardened fist.

Elected officials are elected to be the voice of the people. It is clear to me that the MAJORITY of the voices speaking out loud are NOT in favour of a legislated contract upon teachers. Iv'e heard commentary int eh house this week that Liberal MLA's are saying their constituents have said differently but I don't buy that. Where are those voices protesting outside the house?

The Liberal Government has never bargained in good faith -how do you expect to negotiate with legislation that forces them into a contract behind your backs? The Government came to the table with axes and knives.

Stephen MacNeil has never had public servants backs as evident by the many bills he has introduced into legislature. Today, educators are bearing the brunt of his union-busting.

It was insulting to suggest students were not having their needs met, these professionals were working hard in their classes covering outcomes and learning despite their adversaries in Government. In fact many have said they have done their most meaningful teachers these past two months because of the senseless duties not being imposed under WTR!

Stephen MacNeil has changed the face of education in this province forever. You can believe that my family is not going to ever vote for any Liberal candidate again. Teachers - as all public servants do, work hard and are professional and educated. They deserve better. This bill is a slap in the face, and says that it is giving them all they asked for - except the right to bargain for it at the table. If you can do this today, where was this money the first time they asked for it.

It has been publicly declared that this act will be challenged in court. Why is this Government so bent of passing something that will ultimately cost me more money in the long run. There is no emergency to force this contract. Take these speaking notes and return to the table and negotiate a wage package that is fair - across the board for all Nova Scotians. Everyone deserves cost of living. Anything less is ROLL BACK. It was easy to find a 9% wage increase for the MLA's not too long ago.

When you are asked to vote on this Bill a final time please keep in mind all of the teachers, students and families in your constituency (and there are many- you know them personally!!) that you are hurting by forcing a subpar piece of legislature on them. It is shameful the way you and your party have treated these teachers and we will not soon forget. I implore you to vote with your constituents voice (for which you have been elected to represent!) and not the party line and be a part of the team that moves this forward in a positive direction.

Sincerely,
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