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As a teacher and one of the 127 000 people (9300 teachers and 118 000 students) DIRECTLY affected by Bill 75, I feel that I need to personally address some of my issues with Bill 75. Premier McNeil imposing a contract not only on my profession but also my spirit. I have struggled all week to turn on the news, or even discuss this bill with family, friends and colleagues. The utterly false propaganda the Liberal government has distributed during our plight for better education in Nova Scotia is disrespectful to myself both personally and professionally. Not once have our students ever been in danger, nor have they missed any educational opportunities in my classroom. I am still preparing multiple levels of lessons daily and delivering them with the passion that I have for my subject and my students.

Bill 75 is a contract meant to hurt teachers. Premier McNeil is burning bridges in this province in every sector. It is punitive to impose a contract that does not at least offer the best negotiated articles, even if it was voted down by the largest percentage. Teachers want more. Not for ourselves, but for our students learning conditions. The McNeil government has proved over and over that they do not care about true classroom conditions and are willing to be bullies to get what they want. Teachers have finally decided that we needed to stand up for our pupils. We will fight and protect the McNeil government's victims, and we want a better environment for them to blossom into OUR provinces future.

I stand against Bill 75 for the following reasons:

- A) it takes away our right to a fair collective bargaining process.
- B) it erodes the strength of the Partnership On Systemic Working Conditions by eliminating the arbitrator.
- C) it lacks tangible changes in the classroom that could be immediately and FREELY enacted.

Thank you,

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