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Request to Withdraw Bill 75

Dear Members of the Law Amendments Committee:

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Nova Scotia, mother of a teacher and grandmother of two children in the Public School System.

Bill 75 is punitive and disrespectful to the teachers in this province. Furthermore, it does nothing to address the real emergencies in education, teacher and student safety being paramount. As a taxpayer, I do not support the expenses of a court battle that cannot be won since it is unconstitutional.

Teachers are tired of waiting for improvement in their working conditions. Changes that wouldn't cost money and could be put in place quickly, include but are not limited to: eliminate/reduce administrative responsibilities in Power School, Tienet, and assessments.

Teachers are also in desperate need of supports both in the forms of human and curriculum resources. They are stretched to their limits.

How shameful of this government that its priority is to fund convention centres, banks and businesses rather than investing in creating a healthy education system.

I urge this government to withdraw this bill and go back to bargaining in good faith. Show teachers that their contributions are valued.

Respectfully

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