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I am unable to attend the speaking event next Monday. April 27th on the grad retention rebate issue however I wanted to voice my opinion and be on the record. It was proposed by the liberal government that the grad retention rebate isn't doing what it's suppose to and are trying to eliminate it.

As a recent graduate. The grad retention rebate was something that was factored into my financial decision to stay and work in Nova Scotia after graduation. I graduated university with full student loans and am in heavy financial debt, not only did the grad tax rebate help in my decision to stay in NS but it also contributed to lightening my debt load which can be crippling to a recent grad. The liberal government has said that the rebate wasn't working but if this was the case then the rebate wouldn't be utilized and therefore there wouldn't be a need to eliminate it. This was an irresponsible decision. We are now the only Atlantic province that doesn't offer a post graduate incentive for youth to stay. Following the liberal logic and stated plan of getting youth to stay it would seem beneficial for them to ADD more incentives for youth to stay in Nova Scotia as opposed to eliminating existing programs which are a factor when making decisions on staying here. I strongly urge you, as a graduate, as a borrower, as a worker, and as a hopeful future resident of Nova Scotia. For our future. You need to reinvest this money directly to students. Not a trickle down effect by offering bonuses to corporations. This is imperative for the future of Nova Scotia. Invest in your youth and you will see a return.