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Subject: [PROBABLE-SPAM] Please keep the Graduate Retention Rebate (GRR)

I would ask that you please take official record of the following statement and share it with committee members regarding the elimination of the Graduate Retention Rebate before or during your meeting on Monday, April 28.

My name is Angela F. In 2011 I graduated from Success College with my Paralegal Plus degree. I was so delighted to discover when I filed my taxes that I was eligible to receive the Graduate Retention Rebate. The first year I received it I was hoping to get enough funds back from filing my taxes to put a dent in the over \$1,500 dentist bill I had. (With no insurance I had to pay for all my work done out of my own pocket.) Imagine my surprise and delight when I learned about this Rebate and it allowed me to pay my dentist bill off in FULL as well as my credit card with the lowest balance BOTH off in FULL! This past year I received enough funds to completely pay off my two remaining credit cards. If it were not for this Rebate I would still have those debts. I am much better off financially now that I have them paid off.

I am sure I am not the only graduate who uses the Rebate to pay down debts. I still have a Student Line of Credit that I have a goal of having it paid off in full by the end of 2015. This Rebate would come along way in helping me reaching that goal. Students graduate with a massive amount of debt incurred while pursuing their degree. This Rebate goes a long way in helping to pay down debts incurred and allowing us to have more financial freedom.

You've helped out students by eliminating the interest on Nova Scotia Student Loans, but by taking this away it's making it a hindrance in helping to pay off other debts we incur during our studies. Please re-consider your decision and once again offer this Rebate.

Thank you.