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My name is Nicole Deveau. I'm currently a member of NSGEU local 246 and have been for the last 6 years. I'm writing to express my concern with this legislation.

First and foremost, this is a violation of our right to choose who represents us. I choose to live in this country because we are democratic and I enjoy the right and responsibility of casting a vote. I've been fortunate to enjoy this hard earned right and I consider it grossly disrespectful of this government to undermine this.

Further to this, I feel the fact that the model proposed by the unions to form bargaining associations was rejected is blatant confirmation that this bill is largely purposed to divide and destroy membership in the NSGEU specifically. I can think of no other reason why a perfectly good model, that is successful in other provinces would be rejected so quickly and with such poor explanation. This comes following the essential services legislation that was equally unfair and pushed through despite thoughtful and legitimate objection.

It does not feel good to be Nova Scotian right now. The country is watching this disgraceful treatment of our workforce. It's certainly not good publicity and I can't imagine that it will have a positive impact on recruitment efforts for healthcare here. It will take some time for everyone to fully appreciate the damage this legislation will cause.

You must reconsider.

Sincerely,

Nicole Deveau