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Thank you to the Law Amendments Committee on Bill 75 for the opportunity to submit my thoughts as a tax paying citizen of Nova Scotia.

I would like to add that my only experience of being in the gallery was a High School trip to Halifax. I could not believe how juvenile the members were acting when members of the opposite party were speaking. I would have had my mouth slapped if I behaved in that manner. Things haven't changed.

I am a retired female who has grandchildren in the educational system in the province and have been listening to the wants and needs of the teachers in the province

All I hear from the Premier through the media is we (the legislature) have made a fair offer to the NSTU and that it was rejected.

\$20 million for a committee to study over the next 2 years with no guaranteed practices to be put into place until the Education Minister approves them.

Is the Education Minister currently spending time in these classrooms daily, does she have first hand experience of the difficulties that the teachers are facing? NO.

The teachers (who do have first hand experience of the difficulties that they are experiencing because they are in the classroom on a daily basis) are the experts here, not the Education Minister.

I have spoken to a “new” teacher in the system who explained some of the issues that she deals with daily.

She states that she did not get into the teaching profession for the money.

In her Junior High class of 35 she deals with most of her students having behaviour problems and/or learning disabilities. They need caps on class sizes and more help in the classroom so that each student can have equal opportunity. They spend TOO Much time doing data collection.

So on top of the behaviour/ld challenges there are hormones and technology (cell phones). [Half hour of prep time 6 out of 7 days so Marking and Collecting Data are done after or before school

Lesson planning is complicated because you have to adjust your lesson to meet 35 students all with different learning needs.

This is her second year teaching and she loves her job but if changes don't happen she says that she won't make it. It's a sad reality. How much is being set aside in the budget for when our teachers are burnt out and on leave?

How many of these stories do the Liberals need to hear before it sinks in? I believe it was about 80 who did get a chance to speak before the committee. Well not exactly because I believe the Liberals got up and walked out before the last presenter finished. (How rude back to my one and only visit to the legislature).

Somewhere I read that it is the responsibility of a Member of the Legislature of Nova Scotia to represent the constituents of their riding. I don't believe that the Liberal members are abiding by this statement in this instance. Some day they will meet their maker and God Bless them. **They believe they are in the hot seat now.**

Thank you

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a tax payer whos taxes are being wasted.