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To whom it may concern.

I am writing to express my thoughts on Bill 12 which gives community colleges the 'power' to grant degrees. I feel that this greatly undermines the distinction between college diplomas and university level undergraduate degrees, and thus 'cheapens' what an undergraduate degree is worth. This also asks the question: Will NSCC and other Colleges have to entirely reassess their curriculum and more importantly, the FACULTY? The hiring practices of community colleges and universities have traditionally been quite different in that universities require different academic and professional qualifications than colleges. Will the colleges be required terminate faculty without the necessary credentials to administer a degree program? Or is Mr. Houston's government just satisfied to allow a lower level of qualification in administering degrees? Nova Scotia already has many challenges in how it fits into Canada on a national level and 'competes' with other provinces. Garnering a reputation of having degrees that are of **less worth** by comparison to schools in other provinces is NOT what we need.

Sincerely,

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