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To: Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
Subject: Necessary Courses Not Available at High School Due to Cuts

Good Morning:

I am writing to tell you that due to the cuts to classroom sizes a course that my son needs to take to pursue his post secondary plan is not available to him. He is interested in a trade that is in high demand in this province and a prerequisite for his schooling is either a high school credit in chemistry or physics. These courses were offered last year at his high school at the college level but are no longer offered this year due to cuts. His only option is to take it at the university level or to take it online both of which he would really struggle in and likely wouldn't be successful. This province is crying for trades people yet the courses that these students need to take in high school are not available to them! Often students that are interested in pursuing a trade are not studying at the university level and these are also the students that would likely have a difficult time completing an online course. Biology is the only college level course offered in the sciences in the senior grades. It would make much more sense for a possible trades student to be taking chemistry or physics. The province is offering grants to students that pursue the trades and so they need to realize that these courses need to be offered at the college level in high schools for them to be successful.

Thank you,
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