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Regan: NDP Turning Its Back on Nova Scotia's Students



Liberal advanced education critic Kelly Regan says that it is unacceptable that the NDP government's decisions are responsible for tuition increases of up to 14 per cent.

"Dalhousie University is raising tuition fees for all students and professional students are being the hardest hit," said Regan. "Given the NDP's position on tuition fees in the past, this amounts to the government turning its back on Nova Scotian students."

Regan said that a three per cent increase in fees for undergraduate students is bad enough, but medical students are facing increases of 10 per cent, dentistry students 14 per cent, law six per cent and international students 10 per cent.

"In our province there are many people without a family doctor," said Regan. "For some reason, the Dexter government decided to make medical students pay for wanting to help solve this problem."

"The prospect of frightening levels of student debt will prevent many students from ever applying to medical school."

Regan argued that increasing tuition will increase debt and that this will force more medical school graduates to leave the province.

"Medical school graduates will be forced to leave the province to find more competitive wages elsewhere," said Regan. "This government has downloaded costs onto the backs of students and in doing so, has made it harder to recruit family doctors for Nova Scotians."