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ENOUGH *is* ENOUGH

This government has been defending an incompetent system for more than 5 years.

There is a backlog of 1600 bursary applications. We're working as fast as we can.
- Student Aid Director, March, 1983

Student aid applications have not been processed because of the problems with a new computerized system developed to speed up the procedure.

- Education Dept. Spokesperson,
September 30, 1985

Just give us another year to get all the bugs worked out.

- Student Aid Director, March, 1988

We've annually had problems trying to get student loan applications processed fast enough... I fully believe it's going to be better next year with the new system. If not, I'm going to hide so someone else will have to explain it.
- Deputy Minister of Education,
September, 1985

No other province except Nova Scotia keeps students waiting so long. Everyone else seems to recognize the problem:

We're offering to help process the student aid applications ourselves, at no charge, students need those loans now!
- Chair, Students Union of Nova Scotia, August, 1982

Perhaps we should have by-elections regularly so that we can get a little more efficiency out of the Student Aid Department.
- Liberal Critic, March, 1984

The Student Aid Department should darn well finally learn a lesson from this. It's like a student who leaves all their work until the last night. The students are the ones paying for the government inefficiency.
- NDP Critic, September, 1985

It isn't getting better. The Student Aid System has to be changed.

Do your part to make a difference:

Write to the Minister:

Edmund Morris
P.O. Box 2086, Station M
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Call the Minister's Office:

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Complete the attached form
and drop it off at the SUB enquiry desk.

Mr. Morris,

I'm sick and tired of a student aid system that keeps students who need financial help waiting for months. We can't afford to wait for a change any longer.

Please let me know what changes you are making.

Yours sincerely,

Name: _____

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