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Gerald Keddy's comments show he is unfit to be an MP

Halifax, N.S. - Outrageous and unwarranted rants against workers and citizens of Nova Scotia for being too lazy to work make it abundantly clear that Conservative MP Gerald Keddy has come to the end of any sanity or common sense he 'may' have had. It is clearly time that he considers getting out of politics, for he has obviously lost the ability and understanding to represent the wonderful citizens of this province, a Labour spokesperson said today.

Rick Clarke, president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, says that Keddy, as an elected representative, has the responsibility to represent all citizens in a fair and just manner and not in a biased or prejudicial one. Comments that appeared in the media are not only unwarranted, they are also very irresponsible and have every potential to create or fuel anger and undermine many gains made in human rights and anti-racism efforts.

"This is the height of insensitivity toward the unemployed. Is it any wonder we can't get the Harper government to move on EI reform with attitudes like this?" Clarke asked.

"It is simply astonishing to hear from an MP that he believes that if you're unemployed, homeless or just down on your luck, you are categorized as 'all those no-good bastards'- he should put more effort into helping those who find themselves in dire straits rather than slandering them.

"Keddy should not only apologize to all Nova Scotians for making such an outrageous comment, he should also step down as MP for his riding of South Shore-St. Margarets," Clarke said in conclusion.

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