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Hi Here it is...

Good afternoon and Thank you for this opportunity to speak. I am an RN of 27 years at CDHA. I am here today because I have great concerns that Premiere Mac Neil has a plan to implement an Essential Services Bill for all healthcare employees, including myself as a member of Local 97. This I fear would be the equivalent of throwing gas on an open fire. Local 97 has an Emergency Services plan to care for the pts. of NS, should we find ourselves on the picket line. If you, Mr. Premiere, pass an Essential Services bill – you will actually be inciting the opposite effect of what you are trying to accomplish. Mr. Mac Neil we would never simply walk away from our pts. and leave them abandoned. We are Professionals and function as such. You know Government and I know Nursing and nurses and how Local 97 nurses will respond – we give give give on a daily basis and do so willingly BUT we will NOT stand to have our rights taken from us anymore than we would stand by and silently watch our pts. rights being violated. Our negotiations this time are for ALL Nova Scotians. We are not just fighting for ourselves we are fighting for our families, our pts.- your families and Mr. Premier your healthcare safety as well. So as such you are working against guaranteeing your own best healthcare

An essential services bill is the equivalent of Bill 68. We all know how that ended. If you truly want to ensure Nova Scotians get the care they require you must extract yourself from the middle of the bargaining table. You efforts would be better spent investigating the 40000 pt. safety occurrence reports filed at cdha over the past 2 years.

Please do NOT corner nurses into another Mass Resignation situation- remember we have a 90% strike vote. Mass resignation means NO one is at work. I'm pretty confidant you don't have another 2000 nurses waiting in the wings to take over. We said No to bill 68 and we are saying NO the essential services bill

..... let me know what you think ?????

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