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Hello,

I am a LPN for Capital health and have been for 5 years. I just wanted to express my utter disappointment in the upcoming legislature that is being considered tomorrow concerning home care workers.

I know if these ideas are being considered for home care workers than nurses are next and we have already have had a difficult time gaining the meager bit we did the last time we were at the table with the employer. If the government interferes than it only makes it that much harder to make a living.

I find it extremely insulting how little the government values its health care workers and while we are caring for and treating your family, mine is trying to get by and not even keeping up to the cost of living and this has gone on for years.

If the government is looking to save money they need to hold upper management accountable for their decisions. I have been witness to the waste of millions of dollars and all because front line staff are not listened to. They work with the population and should be the best resource to advise where needs in heath care lies. Also, sick time/OT would decrease if staff were not so burnt out and placed in sometimes unsafe work environments.

In saying all that it makes me wonder as an fairly young Nova Scotia what the hell I'm still doing here when I could live in nearly any other province and make more starting out then I will top out at here. If this legislature passes Saskatchewan is looking pretty good. It is reasons like this that you are loosing your young people and that the ones that will stay will always vote in favor of striking as they see the wage gap widen more and more. I don't expect to live a life of luxury but I am tired of worrying about providing the necessity of life for my family. I am a licensed professional and feel this way. I can only imagine how the home care workers feel who make less than I and I have a true appreciation for what they do as I am a witness daily.

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