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Subject: Bill37 submission- Thank you for accepting this!

Hello, My name is Katherine Heighton, and I am a Registered Nurse. I work at the Capital District Health Authority in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I am writing to you all today to lend my voice to stopping Bill 37- Essential Health and Community Services Act - from becoming law.

I have been an RN for 8 years. I have completed my BScN from Dalhousie University, my Canadian Nurses' Association Certification in Oncology, and I am restarting my studies at a graduate level. I have lived in Nova Scotia my entire life. I love my province, but I believe she is being led astray by band-aid measures that never fix the gross mismanagement and corruption of our tax dollars. I believe, as a RN, it is my duty to advocate for my patients. The infrastructure I work in is crumbling, the staff I work with are stretched beyond their limits, and now their voices are to be gagged and silenced. I am standing up now to say that I am certain that things cannot go on like this. I cannot keep watching my employers belittle, ignore and threaten. I cannot keep watching my government turn a blind eye. I am 30 years old. I can reasonably say that I could have 35 years left to keep paying taxes and serve the patients of Nova Scotia, but if this legislation is passed, and my right to fair collective bargaining is impaired, why am I staying? Tell me. Why?

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