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I am a concerned RN who works within Capital District Health. I am writing to say that I am appalled by the McNeil government's decision to move forward with essential services legislation for nurses. I do not support this bill as clearly it is not about patient safety, but rather about controlling health care workers by silencing our voices as we advocate for patient safety and care! Taking away our right to strike severely affects our position in the collective bargaining process, it takes away any power that we have to fight back against an organization or government whose primary focus is to save money.

As healthcare workers nurses have always been strong advocates for the safety of those under our care! Please do not jeopardize our ability to advocate for our patients by silencing our voices within this organization. This will have far reaching dire consequences for patient safety, and healthcare in Nova Scotia. With that in mind I urge the McNeil government do the right thing and withdraw this bill and put the focus on getting both sides back to the bargaining table, in order to reach a fair and reasonable collective agreement.

Sincerely,
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