

To : Stephen McNeil

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We are registered nurses from SA/BMT We work at the V.A. Hospital and we work on a very specialized unit. Our patients are Cancer patients They are vulnerable to acquiring infections that could actually kill them. Our Patients receive high doses & repetitive rounds of chemo therapy and we administer that chemotherapy to hopefully save lives. We are also the only faculty who look after & do Bone Marrow Transplants in Atlantic Canada. We the nurses do these Bone Marrow transplants, Patients from all over Nova Scotia come here to be looked after. These are taxpayers, as I am a tax payer, and expect nothing less than quality nursing expertise and care. Doing your best when challenged with working short staffed or not having enough qualified RN's to maintain the ratio for safety is a concern to all, as life & death is the balance we hold in our hands.

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Our best is Not good enough if patient care is compromised at any level. When a patient is harmed due to human error or due from mismanaged care due to staffing it makes Nurses advocate loudly for what is really important here.

It is quite simple Mrs. McKiel  
Do you want half a loaf looking after you or the full loaf.

Sincerely,

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