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Good Morning,

I was unable to get a time slot to speak at law amendments, so I thought it prudent to e-mail the Legislative Counsel Office regarding my concerns about the introduction of Bill 1 into legislation.

My name is Patti Pattenden, I am a utility worker and research officer at Capital Health who has worked for 7.5 years. I do not support this legislation that will result in health care workers being forced into a union without having the opportunity to vote.

I ask you, Is this not a democracy?

Well then how is the introduction of Bill 1 democratic?

It strips away the right of health care workers.

The liberal government refuses a union bargaining association, a proposal put forth by Health Care unions in Nova Scotia. Our rights to free collective bargaining have been denied. The liberal government wants to dictate labour relations in the province and this is unacceptable.

"a dictatorship takes any and all influence away of the general population, and instead places it all in the hands of a single, absolute ruler." Is this where we are headed in Nova Scotia?

Upon reviewing the Nova Scotia legislature website, I learned about Democracy 250, the agency established to lead last year's celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of the birth of parliamentary democracy in Canada. It was here that I came across a report entitled, Is Anybody Listening?, this report offers a number of recommendations for engaging more young Nova Scotians in the democratic process.

How can we move toward engaging young Nova Scotians in the democratic process when our government is not acting in a democratic manner? This is contradictory and a completely unacceptable example to set for our youth in Nova Scotia.

How can we truly say that we are living in a democratic society and working toward democracy when the liberal government is not allowing Health Care workers to vote on Bill 1?

I strongly urge the McNeil liberal government to withdraw this Bill and accept the bargaining association proposal.

I appreciate the opportunity to write to you at this time.

In respect,

Patti Pattenden