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Hello ,

I write you to express my concerns about the upcoming government bill related to healthcare. My main worry is the way the McNeil government is planning to handle the merger. I believe, Canada is a democratic country but by choosing your own government employee, paid by you (the government), chose by you (the government), to pick which benefits nurses as a group will get to keep is called travesty!, a dictatorship. I do not live in Cuba, I am a born Canadian. I have my voting right to make choices about my future. I understand that Nova Scotia does need to save some money but this is being done in the wrong way. If you cut one group, you should cut them all. Maybe by cutting some of your government extras, this could help as well. Which regular citizen gets a car bonus, travel expenses, or a pension after two years. I've been nursing for 8 years now and I'm tired, I'm burnt and I drive from East Hants each shift to work. You may say, move closer. Well, HRM is not affordable. I don't know many other jobs, where you get disrespected, hit, kicked, pushed or yelled at on a regular basis. Those who haven't been in the health care system, don't truly understand it. I invite you to come spend a day shift on my unit and see what nursing has become. I worked hard for the package of benefits I have in NSGEU, don't strip me. As this meeting approaches, I worry and am forced to think about leaving the nursing profession or leave Nova Scotia. My co-worker and I were talking yesterday about what other jobs, we could go into after being a nurse. If the few perks, to nursing are taken from us, why stay. Some may say we (NSGEU) , as a group are too vocal but if you had not been vocal, would you have been elected!? I urge you to consider the truly best way to handle this situation. Do not vote in favor of this. I plead of you. When you are looking for my future vote, be mindful, I will remember and I do not stand alone.

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