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Hello My name is Kathleen Swinimer and I am a Journeyman Cook at CDHA, VG site, Restaurant Services. I started working at the Old Halifax Infirmary hospital in 1989 and I have seen many mergers and changes over my past 25 years. One of the changes was that of a new union to me...from CAW to NSGEU, which was decided by a democratic process of voting! Voting is a privilege of the Free World that I thought I was a part of. It is a right that was hard fought by my ancestors.... your ancestors. And it is NOW being taken away! This is absolutely the most horrendous act that could happen in a free democratic society.

I would like to tell you why I came to work at Capital Health....it starts with my husband, Scott Swinimer, whom I have been married to for 24 years and together we have a home in Dartmouth, with our mortgage paid in full! A great accomplishment for us!

He wanted a government job with security and a pension because his father never got a pension from his job of 30 years. His dad had a workplace accident, that almost took his life, shortly before retirement and if it wasn't for the disability income he received he wouldn't have had anything.

Both my husband and I never wanted that for each other. So here we are over 25 years later fighting for our right to vote! With the chance of job loss for me because I am almost certain that with this bill my workplace will be contracted out. I provide a very necessary service to the staff, patients and their families. We are a family here...we give comfort to families who are worried for their loves ones and laughter to the staff when they are having a hard day.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate, PLEASE ALLOW US THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO VOTE FOR WHICH UNION WILL REPRESENT US!

Thanking you in advance...

Kathleen Swinimer