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In 29 years of bedside nursing in adult acute care mental health (in three provinces and at 6 different hospitals) I never thought or dreamed I would witness what I have heard, seen and read about during these past few days! I simply hope and pray that common sense and respect eventually prevail but the Liberal party is making it extremely difficult to be optimistic.

I hope that the Liberal government can show some willingness to listen to our collective voices, to see what is fair, and that you reconsider your approach and at the very least open yourselves to discussion about the messages being sent to you.

I implore you to do the right thing here with regards to this issue. I hope, at the very minimum, the Liberal party in this province can honour what is each and every individual's basic right, the right to democratic process. We are simply asking for the opportunity to work toward a better way to achieve what we all want with regards to health care system reform. I don't think anyone is against what you are, in essence and ideally, working toward. We all know change is needed but it is so disheartening to see how you think you have to achieve this goal. It appears you have not given much thought to how greatly the act of removing the people's choice and right to vote on their union representation impacts the very individuals that make up the majority of the workforce in that system and, in fact, every worker in organized labour across the country.

Strategies to hurry this Bill through the legislature and not listen to or reconsider what those affected are trying to convey is simply wrong on so many levels. There has to be a better way than what I am seeing. My desire has been to work as long as I am able, I love my profession, but I have reservations and concerns about what the future holds at the hands of this government. You are making it very difficult to have confidence and faith in your intentions.

I don't want to feel that I would be better off to enter retirement sooner than later but I have to say that, like many of my colleagues expressing their concerns, there really is one central issue here and what I am seeing and hearing makes me think hard about reconsidering my options.

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