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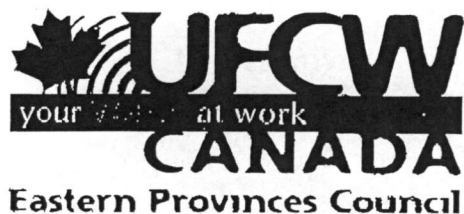
Please see attached letter regarding "Bill No 1"

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Bill No. 1

This bill as proposed, shows no promise of doing what the Premier promised.

Which is to protect the Public, improve Health Care. This Bill will not do that!

Why?

The best predictor of the future is the past? Other Provinces that have taken similar actions agree that, there have been no cost savings to the system or the Public.

By the time the Executive Officers of these Boards are terminated, and their secret wage deals (of which the Unions have nothing to do with) there will be no savings to the Public, long term or in the short term.

Why?

The Unions do not negotiate how many Health Boards we have, that is up to the Public and the Government, after extensive reviews with the Public, which has not occurred.

Why not?

When the Government decides that not having a relationship with the Public and the Unions is the way to advance, Nova Scotians future and health. We are all doomed!

The easy way is never the best way!

A relationship is always hard work, but as we all can attest to, it is what works for all, however, a bully approach cannot work. You cannot have a relationship with a bully and in this case the Government is the bully.

WHY?

To not allow the workers to choose their Union by a vote is wrong.

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To deny the workers a vote, is to turn back the wheels of Labour Relations in Nova Scotia back in the late 70's early 80's when some fisherman from Cape Breton and Nova Scotia wanted to join a Union and the Company said NO! That led to a strike and then the Companies said okay, you can join a Union but **we pick the Union for you**, because, "we know better than you, what's good for you". This is wrong. It did not work then! It was wrong and still is wrong. It brought down the Government of the day. And that is what we have here today.

Under the disguise of the Health Care reform, the Company (Government) want to pick the Union.

That is wrong!, it is mean spirited, it smacks of collusion, and appears to me and many others that the Company/Government have already decided the outcome. That is wrong! Wrong! Wrong!

Give the workers the right to vote on their Union of choice by following the already agreed upon procedure, and the Nova Scotia Trade Union Act.

Nova Scotians have said a long time ago, let the workers decide which Union they want. Why change that? I don't know.

I have yet to hear anyone explain that to me, who raised the issue of which Union should represent which workers as a Health Care cost saving idea?

I would like to know?

I also believe that, if you really want to improve Health Care you start by building a functioning relationship with the Public and the Union through extensive consultation. If we want to improve Health Care or it's delivery, we need to work together. To do otherwise will hurt the Public, which you say you are doing this all for. This bill no. 1 is not helping.

Why was the number one for this bill chosen. It appears to me that you chose that number to give the Unions and the Public the middle finger. That's wrong, that's not nice.

Drop this Bill!

Vote it down!

How nice it is to see you keep your right to vote for now.

Will Bill number two be to create No Voting for anyone or anything?