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Honourable Kelly Regan
Minister of Labour and Advanced Education
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Dear Ms. Regan:

As you are aware, on March 17 NSGEU Local 97 (Nursing Bargaining Unit) and the Capital District Health Authority reached an impasse in conciliation.

Under the Trade Union Act, either or both parties may request the appointment of a mediator and the discretion to make the appointment rests with the Minister of Labour.

I am writing to request that in accordance with Section 40 of the Trade Union Act, you appoint a mediator to assist the parties in resolving their differences. We believe the appointment of a mediator may help bring about a settlement of our bargaining dispute with the Capital District Health Authority.

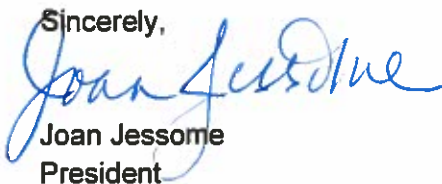
The appointment of a mediator is most effective when the parties to a collective agreement are prepared to work hard to resolve their differences. I can assure you that the NSGEU has bargained in good faith and demonstrated its interest in concluding a tentative agreement at the bargaining table. We will remain committed to settling this matter.

We are hopeful that the mediator will make recommendations to the parties which will result in the successful conclusion of a tentative agreement.

We look forward to discussing the appointment of a mediator with you and would ask that you contact Chief Negotiator, Linda Power, (902) 478-3417.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Joan Jessome
President

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