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Via email: dwallbridge@pinklarkin.com

Dear Mr. Wallbridge:

Re: District Health Authority Consolidation

Thank you for your letter dated August 22, 2014. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the time and effort spent by the union in examining a new labour structure needed with the consolidation of nine health authorities into one provincial authority. It is my understanding that they have attempted to address the impediments and barriers associated with the current structure and have made positive progress.

The employer representatives have raised five issues with the model as proposed by you and your clients on August 5th. In your letter of August 22nd you indicate a desire to engage in further discussions. I agree that further discussion on the outstanding issues is valuable. I have instructed the employer representatives to schedule further meetings in order to engage in further discussions to determine whether a model that addresses the needs of all stakeholders can be supported. Recognizing that there is little time remaining I have asked the committee to conclude these continued discussions within two weeks.

Mr. Roland King will be in contact with you in the very near future to schedule further discussions.

Sincerely,

Leo A. Glavine
Minister

c. Dr. Peter Vaughan, Deputy Minister, Health and Wellness
Roland King, Executive Director, Public Sector Labour Relations