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Premier Stephen McNeil
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Dear Premier McNeil:

I write today to recognize the federal and provincial *Essential Health Care Workers Program* announced yesterday that will provide health care workers with a bonus of up to \$2,000. The response from members has been appreciative and they are awaiting further details from their employers. While appreciated, the NSGEU does want to point out significant omissions in frontline workers being recognised.

There are many essential workers providing care to Nova Scotians who have been left out of this program. We have many members working in essential positions who continue to provide services to Nova Scotians during this crisis. Members who are case aides, child welfare social workers, group home and small options homes have continued to provide care and services to vulnerable Nova Scotians throughout this crisis. Corrections officers, especially those working at the East Coast Forensic Hospital continued to provide services and Conservation Officers from across Nova Scotia have been deployed to our border and other points of entry during this crisis. These occupations and others deserve recognition for going above and beyond during this crisis.

Again, while initial news of the program is appreciated, I believe there are many more who deserve the same recognition.

I look forward to further discussions on this program.

Sincerely,



Jason MacLean
President

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