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Minister Barbara Adams
Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care

Dear Minister Adams:

Re: Continuing Care Assistants

I am writing to you today to thank you for taking the time to speak with some of our members who work in the Continuing Care sector as Continuing Care Assistants last night. I am sure you heard the frustration in the voices of our members, not only surrounding their own working conditions, but more importantly, the concerns they have for their clients and the future of this sector.

However, many more members were unable to participate in this meeting due to the short notice provided, and technical difficulties that were experienced at the outset of the call. They would still like an opportunity to share their thoughts with you.

I have written to you on three separate occasions – September 8th, October 20th and January 27th – to request that you attend a meeting with our Occupational Councils representing the workers in Home Care and Long-Term Care. I have not received a response to any of those letters.

So, I am writing to you again today to invite you to meet with the members of these Councils this Spring. These are experienced, front-line workers who have been elected by their peers to represent their issues and concerns within their union. They are very familiar with the challenges being faced within this sector and will be able to articulate the issues in a clear, orderly manner.

The NSGEU remains eager and willing to work with you on solutions to improve senior care and the morale of workers within the system. It is critical that we work together to address the systemic issues within this sector. As you and your colleagues are preparing budgets for the coming years, it is particularly important that frontline workers have an opportunity to share their thoughts with you in a timely manner.

I look forward to your reply to this urgent matter.

Yours truly,



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