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Premier Tim Houston Office of the Premier 7th Floor, One Government Place 1700 Granville Street Halifax NS B3J 1X5

Premier:

RE: Fuel Price Increases

I am writing on a very urgent matter regarding NSGEU members who must use their own vehicles to deliver services to Nova Scotians and the hardship these people are now facing in light of skyrocketing fuel prices.

With fuel prices increasing almost 40% since September, workers who are required to use their vehicles to deliver public services are left paying the price.

The NSGEU has tabled proposals in the current round of Civil Service bargaining that would see mileage rates adjusted quarterly, which would help workers with drastic increases such as the ones we have seen over the past six months.

Nova Scotians across the province depend on services delivered by Home Care workers, Social Workers, Case Aides, Inspectors, Public Health nurses, and many more. Workers providing these services need immediate relief and should not be out of pocket in order to provide government services that people rely on.

The NSGEU is eager to work with government on finding an immediate solution to this problem.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours truly,

Jason MacLean President

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