

Petition In Support of Improved Funding & Safe Staffing in Public Health Care

To the Honourable Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in Legislature Assembled.

The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly showeth:

That many aspects of public health care services are deteriorating under this government;

That the government is setting health care up for a fall with each service or program that is privatized and/or cut, as access to quality services is disrupted for patients, clients and residents and those providers who deliver health care;

That the government of Saskatchewan does not recognize the need for safe staffing levels to provide hands-on care to patients, clients, and residents and fails to acknowledge that all providers are essential to the health care team;

That the government has removed the regulations requiring a minimum standard of care for residents of long term care, resulting in neglect;

That chronic understaffing in health care facilities and home care services results in unacceptable care and work conditions; and

That the government must recognize the chronic, critical retention and recruitment issues in our health care system, which must be addressed to achieve real improvement in our public health care.

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action:

To cause the government to commit to the creation of safe staffing levels for all valued providers within the health care team and to introduce actual numbers of staff to match both the number and the level of care needs for those accessing health care services;

To cause the government to withdraw the proposed cuts and rollbacks to health services providers and promote good faith collective bargaining.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

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