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August 15, 2013

Barb Cape, President SEIU-West 200 - 747 46th Street W SASKATOON SK S7L 6A1

Dear Ms. Cape:

Thank you for your letter of July 30, 2013, regarding the recent announcement by 3sHealth on a new provincial laundry and linen service. I also acknowledge the letters you enclosed from SEIU-West members with regard to this announcement.

The new Provincial Linen Service will benefit the citizens of Saskatchewan in a number of ways including the provision of high quality linen products, comfort and cleanliness, infection prevention and control. A new linen plant with state-of-the-art equipment and processes will also provide a safe workplace for employees.

After a thorough examination of the available options, a decision was made to outsource the work to K-Bro Linen Systems Inc. This decision was made based on the ability of this option to improve quality and reduce cost. We expect to save \$93 million over ten years with this decision.

I understand that K-Bro has extensive experience in health care linen services and this is K-Bro's core business. 3sHealth is currently in contract negotiations with K-Bro.



I have forwarded your letter to Mr. Andrew Will, CEO of 3sHealth, who will respond to you further.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Brad Wall Premier

cc Honourable Dustin Duncan Minister of Health

Andrew Will CEO, 3sHealth

