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Law Amendments Committee

I am submitting the following comments on Bill #1, Health Authorities Act.

My name is Carol Wilson and for 22 years I worked as an accounting clerk at the IWK, and 15 years ago, we were organized and formed NSGEU Local 23. At that time, my co-workers at the IWK had a choice to become unionized and also a choice of who we wanted to represent us in Labour matters.

Looking at Bill #1, I see the following comments.

83 (1) Sections 23 to 26, clauses 28(1)(b) to (d) and Sections 29 to 32, 40A and 40B of the Trade Union Act do not apply in respect of labour relations between a district health authority, its unionized employees and the bargaining agents for those unionized employees.

(2) Sections 23 to 26, clauses 28(1)(b) to (d) and Sections 29, 31, 32, 40A and 40B of the Trade Union Act do not apply in respect of labour relations between a health authority, its unionized employees and the bargaining agents for those unionized employees .

So you are excluding "health care workers" from those sections of the Trade Union Act, but allowing all other workers in this province to still be covered by those clauses.

I see this as discrimination based on choice of career and employer.

I feel the fact you are taking away our right to vote on the union of our choice is despicable. If I were in another career and a group of us decided to unionize, we have the right under the Trade Union Act to pick the union the majority of employees decides on. If two unionized employers that have different unions representing them, merge, they will do a "run off" vote to see who will represent the employees.

This government has discriminated against "health care workers" by taking away that choice.

Please allow us to choose the union that we want to represent us.

Respectfully submitted

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