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Dr. Graham D. Sher
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Blood Services
1800 Alta Vista Drive
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Dear Dr. Sher,

Today I am writing to you, not only as the MLA for Stratford-Kinlock and Opposition Health Clinic for the province of Prince Edward Island, but also as a long time blood donor.

It concerns me greatly that the current strike by Canada Blood Services employees here in Charlottetown has reached 14 weeks. The 11 PEI employees of NSUPE, Local 19 have been facing great uncertainty and financial hardship since this strike began and I do sympathize with their cause. I implore you to return to the negotiation table and to resume talks with regards to your employees' concerns. I believe that with good will on both sides, a positive outcome to this impasse can be achieved.

I believe these individuals provide a very valuable service to our province and their employment is critical to ensuring that our province's requirement for a stable blood supply is maintained.

I am proud to support these individuals and am hopeful that negotiations can conclude as soon as possible. Thank-you for your consideration on this important matter, and I look forward to a positive resolution.

Sincerely yours,

James Aylward, MLA
Stratford-Kinlock

Cc Local 19, Nova Scotia Union of Public and Private Employees
Hon. Doug Currie, Minister of Health and Wellness